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Changes in traffic route near Hebbal flyover

BENGALURU

In a bid to ease the traffic bottleneck near Hebbal flyover, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have implemented major changes in vehicular movement.

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Reintroduction of scheme turns a challenge

BENGALURU

Five months after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the reintroduction of Yeshaswini health scheme for farmers, there is still no clarity on how the scheme will be made available in a new form.

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'Self-help groups use loans for personal needs'

BENGALURU

Karnataka's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which are formed for empowerment of women, spend 60%-70% of money borrowed as loans for personal/family purposes, said the latest report of the Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA), a State government entity.

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SpiceJet gets DGCA notice for safety lapses

Regulator flags poor maintenance, failure to pay vendors

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday served a show-cause notice on SpiceJet over its failure to offer "safe, efficient and reliable" air services after as many as eight mid-air incidents in the past two months. The regulator blamed the airline for "poor safety oversight" and failure to procure spare parts for aircraft maintenance due to its poor financial status.

The DGCA has given the accountable manager of SpiceJet – its Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh – three weeks to explain why action should not be taken against the airline.

Responding to the notice, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia tweeted, "Passenger safety is paramount. Even the smallest error hindering safety will be thoroughly investigated and course-corrected."

In an interview to the news agency PTI, Mr. Singh said the airline would be "doubly careful", but called the incidents "minor".

The notice comes a day after the airline faced at least three incidents – the diversion of a Delhi-Dubai flight to Karachi due to a fuel indicator malfunction; a cracked windscreen on a Kandla-Mumbai flight; and a snag on the weather radar on its cargo aircraft flying from Kolkata to Chongqing, which forced the plane to return to Kolkata. These take the total incidents involving SpiceJet aircraft to eight since May 1.

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Safety manifest | What the DGCA notice says:

- Spicejet failed to establish 'safe, efficient and reliable air services'
- A review of recent incidents shows airline either forced to turn back aircraft on many occasions, or continue flight with "degraded safety margins"
- Fall in standards due to poor internal safety oversight, and failure to carry out aircraft maintenance
- Failure to pay vendors on time led to a shortage of spares, according to financial assessment in September 2021
- In an implicit warning, the DGCA says airline's permit to operate commercial flights valid only till May 2023

The Dubai-bound SpiceJet Boeing 737 Max aircraft that landed in Karachi on Tuesday after a fuel indicator malfunction. ■ PTI

IndiGo, Vistara jets face snag

The crew of an IndiGo Raipur-Indore flight noticed smoke in the plane after it landed on Tuesday, DGCA officials said on Wednesday.

A Vistara flight from Bangkok to Delhi faced an electrical malfunction after the plane landed in Delhi on Tuesday.

Kerala Culture Minister Saji Cherian quits

G. ANAND
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's Culture and Fisheries Minister Saji Cherian resigned from the Left Democratic Front (LDF) Cabinet on Wednesday after his remarks on the Constitution triggered an uproar.

At a press conference here, Mr. Cherian said the media had portrayed him as anti-Constitution by taking quotes from his speech out of context.

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Mahua faces FIR in Bhopal for remarks

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The row over Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra's comment on Goddess Kali intensified on Wednesday with a first information report (FIR) being registered against her in Bhopal for allegedly "outraging religious feelings".

Bengal BJP Mahila Morcha chief Tanuja Chakraborty also filed a complaint against her in Kolkata.

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Raipur Police declare TV anchor an absconder

U.P. Police release him after 12-hour questioning

ANUJ KUMAR
GHAZIABAD

The Raipur Police on Wednesday declared TV anchor Rohit Ranjan an absconder after they could not find him at his residence in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, in a case pertaining to the telecast of an alleged doctored video of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. They said they were trying to trace him.

Earlier, after around 12 hours of questioning, the Gautam Buddha Nagar Police released Mr. Ranjan on bail late on Tuesday night.

Udayan Dehar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Raipur, said the team visited the Zee News office in Noida, and also lodged a complaint against Indirapuram police station officials with the Ghaziabad Senior Superintendent of Police for obstructing them in carrying out their duty.

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SC to hear appeal today

TV anchor Rohit Ranjan approached the Supreme Court seeking protection in view of the multiple first information reports (FIRs) against him. "He made an error in one of his shows. He has apologised but is facing multiple FIRs. We seek an urgent listing," senior advocate Siddharth Luthra submitted.

The court agreed to hear the case on Thursday.

AIADMK general council can decide on leadership, says SC

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

In a boost to former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, the Supreme Court on Wednesday held that the question of "single leadership" of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam should be decided entirely in its general council meeting. A Vacation Bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Krishna Murari made it clear it would not interfere in the conduct of the meeting slated for July 11 in Chennai.

The Bench stayed a Madras High Court Division Bench order passed at dawn on June 23, which restrained the council that day from taking any decision on the leadership question. Mr. Palaniswami is keen on doing away with the current dual leadership structure and migrating to a unitary leadership, which is opposed by the O. Panneerselvam camp.

The order came on a plea by Mr. Palaniswami that the "vexatious and prejudicial acts" of Mr. Panneerselvam had brought the AIADMK's functioning to a "standstill". He accused Mr. Panneerselvam of "disrupting" the June 23 general council meeting.

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'10.12 lakh children are out of school in State'

Suggest steps to admit them to anganwadis and schools: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A survey of children aged between 0 and 18, conducted by the local authorities in Karnataka, has found that 10.12 lakh children aged 0 to 16, including 9.87 lakh in the age group of 0-6, have not enrolled to anganwadis/schools, the High Court of Karnataka was informed on Wednesday.

The details of the survey was submitted before a Division Bench, comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi, during the hearing of a PIL petition initiated *suo motu* by the court in 2013 on the issue of out-of-school children.

Senior advocate and amicus curae K.N. Phanindra, in his report on the outcome of the survey, pointed out that 4,54,238 and 5,33,206 children in the age group of 0 to 3 and 4 to 6, respectively, have not enrolled to schools.

The report also states that 15,338 children belonging to 6 to 14 years of age are out of school, and 10,018 in the age group of 6 to 14 have never enrolled to the school. The survey has identified 66,68,262 children in the age group of 0 to 18 in the State.

In BBMP limits alone

The survey disclosed that 2,73,936 and 3,02,088 children in the age group of 0 to 3 and 4 to 6, respectively, have not enrolled to the schools in the limits of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike alone.

As many as 2,10, 623 children in the age group of 0-6 in the urban areas, excluding the BBMP areas, and 2,00,797 in the rural areas have not enrolled to the school, the report states.

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DATA POINT

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Total number of children aged 0-16 not enrolled in schools in BBMP limits
5.79 lakh

Total number of children aged 0-18 identified in State
66.68 lakh

Farmers' protest against KIADB land acquisition nears 100 days

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Farmers' day-and-night protest at Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk to save their land from acquisition by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) is nearing 100 days. Farmers have been demanding the State government to withdraw the notification for acquiring 1,777 acres of land spread in 13 villages for an industrial project.

When *The Hindu* visited the site on Wednesday, the protesters said the proposed acquisition will have a far-reaching impact on the lives of people living in the villages where lands have been identified for the proposed Haralur Industrial Development project.

The area is known for cultivating food grains, fruits such as grapes, pomegranates, and mango.

Vast land patches growing roses and other flowers can be seen in the notified area. Farmers are into integrated farming and are also earning livelihood from sericulture and animal husbandry.

- Farmers have been demanding the State government to drop the plans to acquire 1,777 acres of land

Nanjappa Nallappanahalli, a farmer, said, "I have inherited land from my ancestors. There is no question of parting with the land. Some of the villages will completely get wiped out and hundreds of families will get displaced. We are not interested in monetary compensation. We want the State government to heed to our demand and drop the proposal."

Mare Gowda, another protester, said, "Many attempts were made to downplay our agitation. Those who are in power tried to project that we are not the real farmers. Farmers are unitedly fighting against injustice."

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Veerendra Heggade nominated to RS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

D. Veerendra Heggade, philanthropist head of Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala, is among four eminent persons nominated to the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday; the others being Olympic sprinter P.T. Usha, music composer Ilaiyaraaja, and screenwriter V. Vijayendra Prasad. His nomination fills the void the coastal region of Karnataka has had in the Upper House after the demise of senior Congress leader Oscar Fernandes in September 2021.

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Plan to build ropeway to Chamundi Hills dropped

Decision followed inputs and feedback from different depts.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The plan to build a ropeway to Chamundi Hills in Mysuru, proposed in the Karnataka Budget for 2022-23, has been dropped following opposition from various quarters and also on the ground that it is a place of pilgrimage. The decision – which is a major victory for environmentalists – was taken at a meeting of senior officials and stakeholders held on Wednesday.

District in-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, who chaired the meeting, announced that the decision followed inputs and feedback from different departments. Also, the district administration was not in favour of the proposal. Hence, the project would be dropped, he said. Mr. Somashekar said that Chamundi Hills and Sri Chamundeshwari temple are sacred places that mainly attracted pilgrims and not tourists. There are multiple approaches such as well-asphalted roads and steps. Besides, with the temple drawing lakhs of pilgrims, a ropeway would not be feasible while existing network of roads and steps would suffice, said the Minister.

In the discussions that preceded the Minister's announcement, MLA for Chamundeshwari G.T. Deve Gowda set the ball rolling and expressed his opposition to the project.

Mr. Somashekar announced that a proposal to acquire 5 acres of land close to the foothills for housing would be examined as the population of the village atop the hills was expanding. Families now staying atop the hills, however, would not be disturbed but further construction of houses would be regulated, he said. Similar views were aired by officials. Deputy Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Kamala Karikalan pointed out that the department had objected to the project in 2013, and had revoked the permit issued in 1997 when the project was first mooted.

Rukmini Chandran, who promotes adventure sports, said the ropeway was unnecessary, and demanded curtailing the unregulated development atop the hills. Though stakeholders from the hospitality and tourism sectors were confident of harnessing the latest technology to minimise environmental damage, a majority ruled against the project.

The decision to shelve the Chamundi Hills ropeway project proposal has come as a major victory for environmentalists. ■ M.A. SRIRAM

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Jail break

600 The number of inmates that escaped in a jailbreak in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja. About 300 have been recaptured, authorities said and blamed the attack on Islamic extremist rebels. Nigeria's jihadist rebels have carried out several jailbreaks in the country's northeast in recent years, but this is the first in the capital city. The Islamic extremist rebels who attacked the prison have waged an insurgency in the country's northeast for over a decade. Extremist violence is the most serious security challenge in Nigeria. AP

Two decade low

1.0238 The value of the euro against the dollar on Monday, a 20-year low for the currency. The euro sank as investors eyed aggressive interest rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve, in contrast with the European Central Bank, seen as planning more modest increases. European stock markets fell nearly 3%, weighing on Wall Street early in the day before U.S. stocks staged a turnaround. The international crude oil contract, Brent North Sea, fell nearly 10%. AFP

Price hikes

50 In ₹, the amount by which the cooking gas LPG price was hiked , the eighth increase in the last year that took the cumulative rise to ₹244. Non-subsidised LPG now costs ₹1,053 per 14.2 kg cylinder in the national capital, up from ₹1,003 previously, according to a price notification from State-owned fuel retailers. Firming international energy prices have led to non-subsidised cooking gas prices being increased. Of the ₹244 per cylinder hike in the past year, ₹153.50 increase happened since March 2022. PTI

Power subsidy

600 Units of free power to every household per billing cycle in Punjab with effect from July 1. "All domestic consumers in the State will be eligible to get zero bills if their consumption is up to 600 units in every billing cycle. This will give a big reprieve to the domestic consumers who have to hitherto shell out huge money every month in form of a power tariff," the statement said. The Punjab Cabinet also approved the waiving of arrears of all consumers as on December 31, 2021 and unpaid up to June 30. PTI

Life expectancy in China

77.93 Life expectancy in China, which increased by over 0.6, even as the world's second-largest economy grappled with a demographic crisis due to declining birth rates. As per the latest census, the number of Chinese people aged 60 or above reached 264 million by 2020, accounting for 18.7% of the country's population. China faced a demographic crisis as its child births decreased while the old-age population grew, warranting the government to expand geriatric care facilities. PTI

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LETTER & SPIRIT

The new rules to keep advertisements in check

What are the provisions under the freshly issued guidelines of the CCPA? How is it addressing advertisements targeting children?

THE GIST

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently issued guidelines to prevent false or misleading advertisements. The guidelines are pathbreaking because they fill significant consumer protection gaps while explicitly outlining advertiser duties.
- An advertisement is valid if it contains true and honest representation of goods and does not exaggerate the accuracy, scientific validity or practical usefulness or capability.
- In a prominent move, advertisements that condone, encourage, inspire or unreasonably emulate behaviour that could be dangerous for children or take advantage of 'children's inexperience, credulity or sense of loyalty etc.' have been prohibited.

G.S. BAJPAI

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently issued guidelines to prevent false or misleading advertisements. The guidelines are pathbreaking because they fill significant consumer protection gaps while explicitly outlining advertiser duties. The guidelines also try to discourage the promotion of illogical consumerism aimed at children. The problem of misleading, bait, surrogate and children-targeted advertisement has festered without respite for far too long. The guidelines perform an essential function in bringing the Indian regulatory framework at par with international norms and standards.

Defining a 'valid' advertisement

The guidelines lay down the conditions for non-misleading and valid advertisements. Briefly, an advertisement can be considered non-misleading if it contains true and honest representation of goods and does not exaggerate the accuracy, scientific validity or practical usefulness or capability. In case of unintentional lapse, the advertisement may still be considered as valid if the advertiser has taken prompt action in letting the consumer know the deficiency.

The youth form the most impressionable demographic for all advertisers. To catch them young is a well-known marketing strategy

It must be noted that rather than defining what constitutes a 'misleading or invalid advertisement,' the guidelines have sought to define 'valid or non-misleading advertisement.' This take on policy drafting significantly reduces the scope for exploitation of any inadvertent loopholes.

Surrogate advertisements

"Surrogate advertisement" refers to the advertisement of goods in the shadow of other goods. For example, the advertisement of tobacco in the garb of pan masala. Advertisement of tobacco as such is prohibited by the law. While existing laws such as the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply, and Distribution) Act, 2003 already seeks to govern advertisements related to tobacco, manufacturers and advertisers have been able to circumvent the regulation through the grey area created by a surrogate advertisement. The guidelines seek to ensure that these grey areas are filled by the black letter of the law, completely disallowing any attempts to advertise products that are otherwise prohibited by law.

Advertisements targeting children

Another important issue taken up by the new guidelines is the discouragement of "children targeted advertisements". Advertisements that condone, encourage, inspire or unreasonably emulate behaviour that could be dangerous for children or take advantage of children's inexperience, credulity or sense of loyalty etc. have been prohibited. It goes without saying that advertisements tend to influence children's buying behaviour and encourage them to consume unhealthy goods, or develop negative feelings toward healthy goods. The guidelines further require that the goods which require a health warning should not be advertised through children as well as personalities from music, sports and cinema. Advertisements that state "any health or nutritional claims or benefits without being adequately and scientifically substantiated" or any surgery which may have adverse effects on the physical and mental health of children are prohibited. Furthermore, an advertisement may be considered as children targeted if the advertisement of any goods, product or service which addresses or targets children may develop negative body image in children or give any impression that such goods, product or service is better than natural or traditional food. For example, advertisements relating to milk additive products often imply that the products have higher nutritional value for the growth of children, increase retention power of the brain during exams, strengthen bones in sports etc., even though these claims are yet to be scientifically proven.

The youth form the most impressionable demographic for all advertisers. To catch them young is a well-known marketing strategy. Children can be influenced through advertisements fairly easily – they are individually capable of making buying decisions, can influence the decisions of their parents and make up the future adult demographic. A marketing strategy that seeks to aggressively play on the immaturity of the younger audience can invariably impinge upon their 'right to choose' as well as their right to be informed and protected against unsafe goods and services as well as unfair trade practices.

Additionally, the guidelines also require that advertisements including "chips, carbonated beverages and such other snacks and drinks" shall not be cast on channels exclusively meant for children. However, it remains to be seen as to whether such a guideline can survive a challenge under Article 14 and Article 19(1)(g) of the Indian Constitution in as much as it impinges upon the right of the channels such as Cartoon Network to earn revenue from such advertisements.

Other reforms

The guidelines have also introduced the need to have "disclaimers in advertisements" to "clarify a claim made in such advertisement or make qualifications or resolve ambiguities therein in order to explain such claim in further detail." Moreover, the advertiser must not "attempt to hide material information with respect to any claim made in such advertisement, the omission or absence of which is likely to make the advertisement deceptive or conceal its commercial intent". The guidelines require that the disclaimer must be visible to normally sighted persons and prominently placed so that the consumer may read it carefully.

The guidelines also impose duties on the manufacturers, service providers and advertising agency to not claim and make comparisons in an advertisement which relate to matters of objectively ascertainable facts. Moreover, the advertisement must be framed to gain the trust of the consumers and not to "abuse the trust of consumers or exploit their lack of experience or knowledge".

The enforcement issues in existing advertisement laws have been addressed by the guidelines in as much as it imposes severe penalties. The guidelines are momentous in empowering customers against mischievous advertisers. The advertisers, too, must take a cue from the guidelines and impose self-regulation to comply with the same. While the guidelines must be hailed as a step in the right direction, there is a definite need to ensure their implementation in the spirit they have been drafted with.

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EXPLAINER

Understanding the all-time high in India's trade deficit

After a year of record exports, why have India's exports moderated in the first quarter?

VIKAS DHOOT

The story so far: Having crossed a record $400 billion mark in 2021-22, India's exports have moderated in the first quarter of this year, with May and June clocking upticks of 20.6% and 16.8%, respectively, slowing from a 30.7% rise in April. Sequentially too, overall goods exports declined for the third month in a row in June, even as imports continued to rise sharply, triggering fresh peaks for India's monthly trade deficit.

How has the merchandise trade balance changed in recent months?

While India's exports were surging last year, imports were rising too, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Total goods exports in 2021-22 amounted to $422 billion, up sharply from the pre-COVID levels of $313 billion in 2019-20. This was the highest ever export number, and marked the first time in years that an official export target ($400 billion) was not only met, but surpassed. Imports hit a fresh high of $613 billion, compared to $394 billion in the pandemic affected previous year and $475 billion before that. The trade deficit thus stood at $191 billion, nearly double of 2020-21.

The chasm between exports and imports has widened in the first quarter of this year, with the cumulative trade deficit already hitting $70 billion, translating into an average of $23.3 billion a month. By contrast, the previous highest monthly trade deficit was $22.9 billion in November 2021. That record has been surpassed significantly in the past two months, with the deficit hitting $24.3 billion in May and peaking to a new high of $25.6 billion in June. Economists reckoned the deficit was higher on a seasonally adjusted basis, with Nomura analysts estimating that it stood at $25.8 billion in May and widened to $29.9 billion in June. Economists at HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) pegged the trade deficit even higher in seasonally adjusted terms, at $31 billion from $26 billion in May.

In value terms, imports jumped for the fifth month in a row to a fresh record of $63.6 billion in June, 51% over the same month a year ago and 6.9% higher than May's tally, which in turn was 7.3% over the value of April's inbound shipments. On the other hand, exports slid 2.6% from May's $38.9 billion to $37.9 billion in June.

What is driving up imports and denting exports?

While Russia's continuing conflict with Ukraine since late February this year has propped up commodity prices globally, the spill over effects of runaway inflation are hurting global growth prospects as well as trade demand. The 'lacklustre' exports in June reflect an underlying slowdown in external demand, with weakness seen in exports of engineering products, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, cotton yarn and plastic products, Nomura said in a note. Outbound shipments for these four categories, part of India's top ten exports, contracted. While petroleum exports were still up a sharp 98% from June 2021, they were $0.7 billion lower than May 2022 levels. And though exports of readymade garments, electronics and rice remained healthy, non-oil exports fell for the second successive month in June on a seasonally adjusted basis, HSBC cautioned in a note on Tuesday. "...We find that in volume terms, low-skill exports like agriculture and textiles have weakened more than high skill exports like engineering goods and pharma," said its chief economist Pranjul Bhandari (along with co-authors).

Imports, on the other hand, have literally been fuelled by energy sources – oil and coal, with the former driven by higher prices and the latter driven by India's domestic coal supply crunch compelling power producers to import more each passing month. The volatility in financial markets and the sharp inflation have also driven up imports of gold – considered a safe haven and hedge against price rise. Coal imports were up 242% in June, gold by 170% (after a dazzling 789% uptick in May), and crude oil imports grew over 94%. But non-oil, non-gold imports (also known as core imports) also grew by a robust 31.7% in June – spurred by higher inflows of plastics, chemicals, electronics and vegetable oils. While higher prices are feeding a large part of the increase in headline imports, import volumes are also growing in line with steady domestic demand, Nomura analysts argued.

What will determine the trade trajectory through the rest of the year?

With several developed economies expected to fall into recession over this year, the dip in exports could accelerate in coming months. The fresh taxes and restrictions imposed on petroleum exports could weaken outbound volumes further, while Indians' appetite for gold may not be dented much by the higher import duties levied by the Centre last week. Oil and gold prices may have corrected a bit recently, but still remain significantly high. Moreover, coal imports will only surge further as Coal India's production levels slide through the monsoon. The weakening rupee will continue to make imports costlier while slowing exports may not be able to capitalise enough on it. Indian exporters don't expect a change in the narrative till the war in Europe abates, along with the high volatility in commodity prices. Economists at Nomura and HSBC expect 'record high trade deficits' to remain the norm for India, for now. But India is not alone, and can perhaps, take solace from the fact that even super-exporter Germany recorded its first trade deficit in 30 years this May, albeit a minor one.

THE GIST

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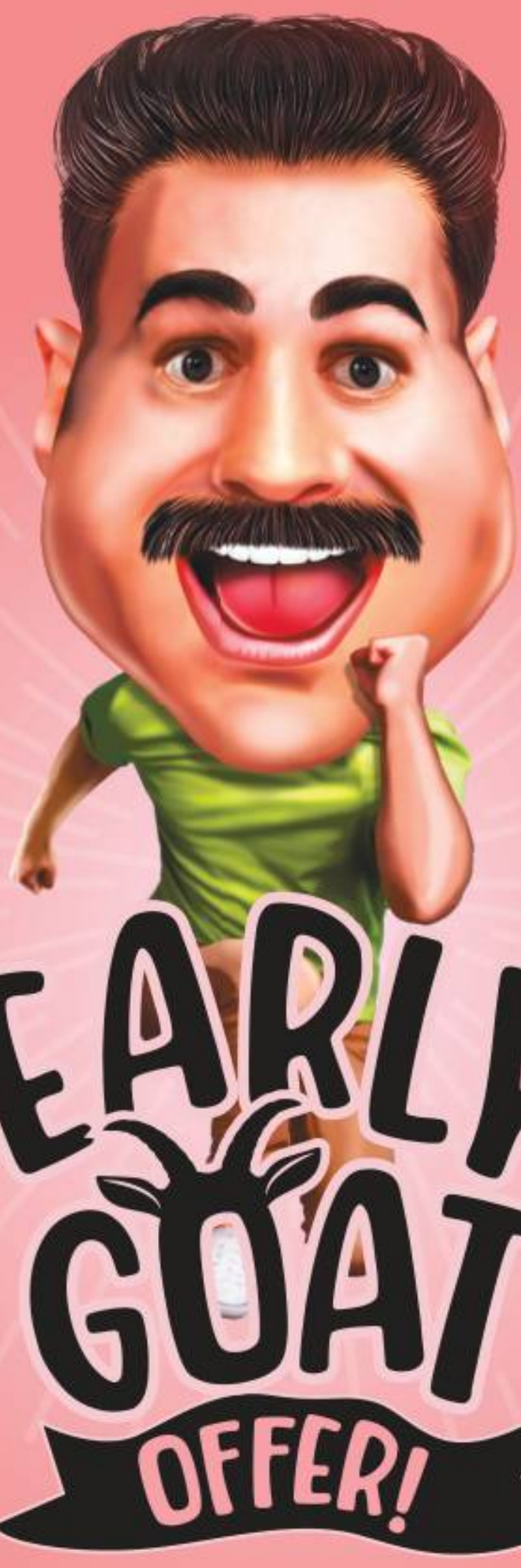

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Major changes in vehicular movement near Hebbal flyover

Short-term measures have been announced to ease traffic at Sarakki junction, Jayadeva flyover, Silk Board junction, and Iblur junction

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In a bid to ease the traffic bottleneck near Hebbal flyover, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have implemented major changes in vehicular movement. Henceforth, vehicles coming from Yelahanka side on the service road of Ballari Road cannot get on to Hebbal flyover like before. They need to take a left turn and use the loop ramp to get onto the flyover towards the city.

This, officials said, will ease the chaos created by traffic from the airport expressway and service road merging at the flyover up ramp. Vehicles heading to Kempapura have also been directed to take a left turn at Vidyashilp/Yelahanka bypass.

The changes have drawn criticism from residents of the area. "The traffic flow changes have been made without understanding the width of the roads. The service road is four lanes wide, while the road leading to the loop ramp is only two lanes wide, causing a new bottleneck. While this will push vehicles from the airport expressway on Hebbal flyover for a short distance, they will again get stuck at the down ramp since it is again only two lanes wide. What is urgently needed is an additional lane added to the Hebbal flyover," said Sanjeev V. Dyamannavar, a resident of the area and transport activist.

The signboard displaying the traffic diversions put up at Hebbal on Wednesday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Decongestion measures

HEBBAL FLYOVER
- Vehicles coming from Yelahanka side on the service road of Ballari Road cannot get on to Hebbal flyover
- They need to take a left turn and use the loop ramp to get on to the flyover towards the city
- Vehicles heading to Kempapura have also been directed to take a left turn at Vidyashilp/Yelahanka bypass

SILK BOARD JUNCTION
- Free left turn to be created towards BTM Layout - Hosur Road.
- Slabs on the storm-water drain at the junction to be relaid at road level
- Pedestrian skywalk will be put up at Silk Board bus station towards HSR Layout service road
- Repairing two drains on the road that is causing flooding during rains, adding to traffic woes

SARAKKI JUNCTION
- Creating two free left turns at the junction - one for vehicles coming from Konanakunte Cross towards Outer Ring Road and another for vehicles coming from Ilyas Nagar towards Banashankari
- Improving footpaths leading to the junction and putting up pedestrian grills to avoid accidents

JAYADEVA FLYOVER AND IBLUR JUNCTION
- Completing drainage work to avoid flooding and ease traffic flow

Congestion at 4 junctions

Meanwhile, heads of civic agencies led by Rakesh Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, visited four major traffic bottlenecks in the city – Sarakki Junction, Jayadeva flyover, Silk Board junction and Iblur junction – late on Tuesday night and directed immediate short-term measures to ease traffic at these junctions.

At the infamous Silk Board junction, Mr. Singh directed officials to create a free left turn towards BTM Layout - Hosur Road. "The slabs on the storm-water drain at the junction are higher than the road level blocking traffic. They will be re-laid at road level and a free left turn created. A pedestrian skywalk will be put up at Silk Board bus station towards HSR Layout service road," BBMP said in a statement. Officials were also directed to immediately repair two drains on the road that is causing flooding during rains, adding to traffic woes.

Officials have also decided to create two free left turns at Sarakki junction – one for vehicles coming from Konanakunte Cross towards ORR and another for vehicles coming from Ilyas Nagar towards Banashankari. They also decided to improve footpaths leading to the junction and put up pedestrian grills to avoid accidents. Mr. Singh also directed officials to finish drainage works at Jayadeva flyover and Iblur junction to avoid water logging and ease traffic flow.

Traffic police launch special drive against bike stunts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The traffic police have launched a special drive against bike stunts and will keep a tab on minors using two-wheelers. The police have already booked 14 cases against bikers performing stunts and wheelies in and around the city.

A majority of them are minors and their parents were summoned to the station, after which the police counselled them and took a bond from them worth ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, a senior police officer said.

All schools and colleges are under the radar and the traffic police have been deployed close by to keep a tab on students using bikes. "Even II PU students are not eligible for driving licence and hence, using a scooter or bike amounts to violation and action will be taken against them," warned Joint Commissioner of Police B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda.

Apart from this, the traffic police also launched a special drive against drink and drive and fake number plate offences. As many as 22 persons were involved in fatal accidents related to drink and drive cases since June to first week of July.

Protesters say project will impact 3,000 people

Minister Nirani, however, says a majority are willing to give away land

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Close to 3,000 people will get impacted by the proposed Haralur Industrial Development project and 387 families will become landless, say farmers protesting for the 94th day (as on Wednesday) in Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk.

Villagers had roped in an NGO to study the impact of the project on them. Nandeesha, who is into sericulture, said, "I relied on agriculture after graduation and made a decent earning in integrated farming. These villages are known for sericulture. This taluk is also one of the leading producers of milk. The government should realise these things and drop the plans of acquiring land. Where will we go after losing our land?"

Ramesh, a localite whose family property has also been notified, said that the State government did not carry out socioeconomic impact and environmental impact assessment prior to initiating the process. He added that promises made about job generation for local people is a farce.

Farmers continuing their protest against the proposed land acquisition by KIADB in Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk on Wednesday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Mr. Ramesh said, "When the Bengaluru airport was proposed, big promises were made about local people getting jobs. But the reality is different. Those who got jobs at the airport are doing menial jobs. Near our village, after losing lands to the airport, 50-odd families shifted to Arishinakunte. They are in a sorry state. We do not want that to happen to us."

Mohan, another farmer, said, "In the 1970s, after a long fight for the landless people, the State government allocated gomala lands. People have been cultivating the land all these years. But now the government is snatching lands in the name of industrial projects. Our only demand is to drop the project.

Farmer Mukunda said that the government has failed to utilise the land that was previously acquired for industrial projects in and around Devanahalli.

Muniyamma, who recently constructed a silk worm rearing facility, said, "All our family members are relying on agriculture. Where will we go after losing everything? We do not want any projects to come here. All that we want from the government is to leave us alone."

Minister speaks

However, when contacted, Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani claimed that 80% of the landowners are willing to give away the land notified. "As far as Devanahalli land acquisition is concerned, a majority of the landowners are ready to give away the land. They have already given applications expressing their willingness to accept the monetary compensation and take up the job offers as per their education. We will not acquire the land from the owners who are not willing to part with the lands. Due to outsiders' pressure, they have resorted to protests," he said.

Commenting on the project, he said that in the proposed industrial hub, aerospace and Defence parks will come up. "We are proposing to set up aerospace and Defence parks and allied sectors such as data centres, semiconductor and others will also come up. Around 15% of the land will be reserved for townships that will have residential complexes, hospitals, hotels, educational institutions and others," the Minister said.

He added that similar protests were witnessed when land was acquired in Badami and Kudligi in the past. But the landowners had eventually agreed for the compensation. For the proposed acquisition, the per acre land cost for acquisition ranges from ₹1 crore to ₹1.2 crore.

He added that due to the measures taken by the government, the State is leading in FDI and stands at number one position in ease of doing business. "We are holding a Global Investors' Meet in November. Investors will invest in these proposed aerospace and Defence parks," he said. When questioned about not fully utilising the lands that were earlier reserved for aerospace and Defence parks in Devanahalli, the Minister said, "Earlier, over 1,000 acres was acquired and all are being utilised and facilities have already come up."

Three held for peddling drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Madanayakanahalli police on Wednesday arrested three students and recovered MDMA powder, one kg of marijuana, and four mobile phones worth ₹10 lakh from them.

The accused, according to the police, are students of a reputed college pursuing bachelors and masters degree courses. The accused transitioned from being users to peddlers and would source the drugs from their contact – an African national – and efforts are on to track down the supplier who is presently on the run, the police said.

FROM PAGE ONE

Farmers' protest against land acquisition nears 100 days

"We are getting support from various farmers organisations and like-minded people. Farmers had carried out protests and Devanahalli bandh was also observed. It has been over three months, but no one is addressing our grievances. We will continue to fight till the project is shelved," Mr. Gowda said.

> **We will continue to fight till the project is shelved.**
> MARE GOWDA
> Protester

As per the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board's notification, lands have been identified in villages such as Channarayapatna, Nallappanahalli, Muddenahalli, Cheemachanahalli, Haraluru, Polanahalli, Palya, Nalluru, Mattabarlu, Malleppura, Hyadala, Gokare Bachenahalli and Thellohalli.

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. S&T/C/NW22/011

In the above cited Tender notice following corrigendum is issued: 1. General conditions of Standard Tender Document for version 11.0 is hereby replaced and the same has been uploaded on the IREPS website. 2. Validity of offer will be read as 90 days instead of 60 days as mentioned in NIT header & uploaded General Conditions on IREPS website in accordance of GCC-2022. The other terms & conditions in the original tender will remain unchanged.

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RE-E-TENDER NOTIFICATION:
Notice for re-inviting e-Tender Cum e-Auction in Central Public Procurement Portal through NIC for allotment of areas (With structures) in "as is where is basis" for the purpose of Handling Liquid Bulk Cargo and its allied activities on 30 years annual lease on RoFR, without renewal option inside custom bound area, under two cover system from 06.07.2022 to 26.07.2022
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TRAFFIC MANAGER

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-76)
O.S. NO. 2449/2021
Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Pramodh. G ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs. Shruthi C ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
1. Mrs. Shruthi. C,
D/o. Shankarappa Chippedi,
Residing at Flat No. 3/1, 4th Main Road, Near Cake Palace, Lakamalath Block, Ganganagar Bengaluru- 560032
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 4,77,943/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-76), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 29/07/2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 21st day of June 2022 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. No. 25690/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Kashim Basha SK ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
To,
Kashim Basha SK,
Aged about 29 years,
S/o. Mukthum Saheb Shaik,
R/a: #17, Sathnur Village,
1st Floor, Bangalore Post.
Jala Hobli, Sathnur Bus Stop
Bangalore- 562149 ...Defendant
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 2,48,492.19/- as on 07/02/2020 along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore (CCH 75) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 20/08/2022 at 11:A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 30th day of June 2022
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Associates,
No. 109, Commerce, House ...../1 Cunngham Road
Bangalore- 560 052

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients have agreed to purchase the 'Schedule Property', from its owners 1) **Sri. BAPPANADU VENKATA KRISHNA RAO** residing at Kondapur, Rangareddi, Serilingampally, Andhra Pradesh - 560084, **SMT. M. S. PADMALATHA** residing at No.6, 5th main, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar Extn, Bengaluru - 560032, **SMT. SWATHI. B. RAO** residing at No.287, 6th 'B' Main road, Vishweshwaraiah Nagar, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, **SRI. PURUSHOTHAM RAO B,** residing at No.6, Sai Ram, 7th Cross, 5th main, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar extn, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.
Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial Institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favor of my Clients, should write or contact me **within 10 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential house property bearing **Municipal New No.6,** (Old No.4/4), **PID No.98-88-6,** situated at 7th cross, 5th Main, ward No.98, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar extension, Bengaluru, site totally measuring East to West 30 ft., and North to South 59 ft., consisting ground and 1st floor Building and bounded on: **East by:** Private Property old Site no.5, **West by:** Private Property old Site no.3, **North by** :Road, **South by:** Private Property
For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
#62, AECS Layout, Gedalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore - 560094
Ph: 23411958, Mob : 9886755278.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client i.e. **SRI. VARGHESE .T.C.** S/o. Sri. Chacko .T.V, aged about 36 years, R/at Thirumanassery House, Adakkathode, Government U P School, Kalakam, Kannur, Kerala – 670674 is intent to purchase the residential property bearing **Site No. 1, V.P. Katha No. 1218/1218/1/1A1/1,** Assessment No. 1/1, **CHALLAGHATTA VILLAGE,** Ramohalli Village Panchayath, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 43.9 + 46.2/2 Feet and North to South: 33.2+33/2 Feet, in all measuring **1491.155 Square Feet,** which is morefully described herein and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property".** Hence, on 04.07.2022, my client Sri. Varghese T.C and property owner Sri. R. Arumugam has entered into Agreement of Sale in respect of the Schedule Property.
This is further inform to the Public that, if any person having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections /claims to the below mentioned address within **07 days** along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with Sri. R. Arumugam S/o. Sri. M. Ramu in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/claims would come after 07 days from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of residential vacant **SITE NO. 1, V.P. Katha No. 1218/1218/1/1A1/1,** Assessment No. 1/1, **CHALLAGHATTA VILLAGE,** Ramohalli Village Panchayath, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **SITE MEASURING:** East to West : 43.9 + 46.2/2 Feet and North to South : 33.2+33/2 Feet, in all measuring **1491.155 Square Feet and Bounded on the:** East by : Private Property, West by : Site No. 2 – Site belonging to Smt. R. Mala, North by : Private Property and South by : 25 Feet wide Road.
COUNSEL ADDRESS:
B.E.SHREEDHAR, Advocate
Office at No.15, 1st Floor, HAL Building, 1st Cross, C.K.C Garden, K.H. Road, near HCG Hospital, Bengaluru – 560027.
Mobile: 9964125501
Email: srinmadvs@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client **SRI JAGADEESH KUMAR M.N.** S/o Nagaraju. J.B., Aged about 40 Years, Residing at Mikkere Village, Kirugavalu Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District-571424, has intends to purchase the schedule property from its owners **Smt. N.Leela W/o. N.N.Nagaraju,** residing at No.MIG.2, 80 feet Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru- 560 060, vide Registered Sale Deed dated 31/08/1998 bearing Registration No.BNG (U)KNGR5591/1998-99, registered in the office of Sub-registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru.
Any person/firm/institution/company having any manner of claim or right and interest in respect of the schedule property are hereby require to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of Publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be complete without reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on my client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of Property bearing House Property **Site No.56,** Katha No 128/462/56, Situated at **Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru,** Presently within the limits of BBMP, along with Two Square of AC Sheet roofing house built thereon, measuring East to West: 100 Feet and North to South: 100 Feet. Total measuring **10,000 Square feet** and bounded on:-
East by : Venkateshwar Raju's Property,
West by : Private Layout,
North by : Remaining property,
South by : Site No.18 and Road.
Ullas M. Advocate, #51, 4th 'B' Main, Chandana Layout, Sri Gandhada Koval, Bangalore-91.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owners in possession **Smt. Rajeshwari N., Miss. Shubhangi S.** and **Chiranjeevi Srinivas S.**
The general public, banks, lenders, relatives, heirs etc., are hereby called upon to lodge their objections if any with me with regard to agricultural land bearing Sy.No.13/2 of Devashettihalli village, Jadigenahalli hobli, Hoskote Taluka, Bengaluru rural district measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas including kharab of 1 Gunta and bounded as follows: **East By :** Road ; **West By :** Land bearing Sy.No.13 ; **North By :** 15 feet common passage then Land bearing Sy.No.12; **South By :** Land bearing Sy.No.14
In case if anyone have any claim or rights over the said property, you can lodge your objections with cogent documents/ records so as to reach me within 15 days from today, failing which, my clients may proceed to purchase the said property and any objections/claims raised later on will not be conceded.
Eashwar Prasad B.,- Advocate,
No.415, 4th Floor, Grand Majestic Mall, Bengaluru-560009.
9448690314-8310039482.
Place : Bengaluru
Date: 06/07/2022

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No. / Date:- 05.07.2022
"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Works under Biju Setu Yojana for the year 2022-23

1.	Name of the Work	Bridge Work (Balance work) under Biju Setu Yojana
2.	Total No. of Packages	01 No. of Bridge Work (Balance work)
3.	Estimated Cost of the Package	Rs.1450.55 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	-
	a) Estimated cost more than Rs.40.00 lakhs up to Rs.300.00 Lakhs	B Class & A class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs.300.00 Lakhs up to Rs.600.00 Lakhs	A Class & Special class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	c) Estimated cost more than Rs.600.00 Lakhs up to Rs.1500.00 lakhs	Special Class & Super class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of Completion	As mentioned in Column-7 of the Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.-19 of 2022	11.07.22 at 11.00 A.M.	26.07.22 Up to 5.00 P.M.	27.07.22 up to 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated lateron

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar.
O-584: OIPR-25082/11/6012/2223

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105
Phone No: 08472-278634 Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/648 Dated : 04-07-2022
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)
The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below
The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only
1) Name of work: **Chincholi-03 (Indent No 37146, 34356 & 34358 call-2) Afzalapur (Indent No 34362),** 2) Head of A/C: JJM 2020-21 & 2021-22, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & above, 4) Tender Amount: Min 52,27,787/-, Max 85,65,600/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: 07-07-2022 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: 15-07-2022 4.00pm, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: 16-07-2022 4.01pm, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: 18-07-2022 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation, Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi
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Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

KEYWORD

Verstehen

A sociological concept used in qualitative research to better understand social action in society

THE GIST

- Verstehen requires researchers to place themselves in the position of the individual observed to see and comprehend the meanings behind the person's action and the meanings attached to the motivation, purpose or outcomes of their actions.
- Social action determines structural transition in society. The causes and meanings attached to it is therefore important in understanding what pushes social change.
- For example, Weber explained that the emergence of Calvinism promoted frugal living, saving money and business investments because profit-making was attributed to God's satisfaction with a person's actions. This religious idea eventually led to the emergence of capitalism in northern Europe.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

The concept of Verstehen, which loosely translates to 'understanding' in German was made popular by Max Weber, one of the "founding fathers" of sociology. It became a critique of the positivist and naturalist approaches to sociology prevalent in the 19th century. It argues that human actions cannot be analysed by merely adopting the research methods followed in natural sciences with 'absolute objectivity'. Weber believed that the interpretation of human actions through recognition and empathy was crucial for a better understanding of social phenomena in society. Verstehen is the procedure by which sociologists gain access to the meanings behind human actions.

Types of Verstehen

Verstehen requires researchers to place themselves in the position of the individual observed to see and comprehend the meanings behind the person's action and the meanings attached to the motivation, purpose or outcomes of their actions. This becomes important as actions can have different meanings in different cultures and societies. Without proper investigation, one is at risk of misinterpreting the data collected. A good example would be body gestures, which can be misleading if not contextually understood. Different meanings are attached to various body gestures like handshakes, hugs, waving, and clapping among others in different cultures. During the U.S. Presidential Inauguration day in 2005, President George W. Bush gestured the "Hook 'em, horns" (the salute of the University of Texas Longhorns), where he raised his fist with his index and little finger extended. Newspapers in many parts of the world were puzzled by the gesture as this was a sign shown to a person whose spouse cheated on them in countries like Argentina, Brazil, Spain and Portugal. To avoid the risk of misinterpretation that may lead to a misguided grouping of actions, one needs to understand the meaning attached to an action by an individual before ascertaining the cause of the action.

Weber distinguished between two types of understanding. The first is Aktuelles Verstehen or direct observational understanding, where a researcher observes what an individual was doing. Observation of a person cooking or writing could be an example of this. One can confirm and determine the meaning of the action by simply observing it. However, observational understanding alone is not sufficient to explain human action. Thus, empathetic understanding or Eklarendes Verstehen was also required.

To avoid the risk of misinterpretation that may lead to a misguided grouping of actions, one needs to understand the meaning attached to an action

Here, a researcher attempts to understand the meanings attached to an act in terms of the motives that have given rise to it. This requires them to find the reasoning behind an action – is a person cooking for themselves or others? Are they cooking to feed their family or is it part of their work? Do they get paid for their work? Are they enjoying the activity? To interpret such actions and the purpose behind them, Weber argued that one had to "get into the shoes" of the people doing the action.

The motives behind social action

Social action determines structural transition in society. The causes and meanings attached to it is important in understanding what pushes social change. For Weber, changes were caused when society encouraged certain types of motives for actions by individuals which then led to changes in society, making human actions equally relevant in understanding social change. In his book, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, he explained that the emergence of Calvinism, a branch of Protestantism, promoted frugal living, saving money and business investments because success and profit-making were attributed to God's satisfaction with the person's actions. This religious idea eventually led to the emergence of capitalism in northern Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries, one of the most relevant structural changes in human history.

According to Weber, there are four ideal types of social actions – traditional social action which refers to actions controlled by socio-cultural norms in the society, while affective social actions are determined by one's emotional state wherein one might not think of the consequences of actions. Value rational social actions are determined by a conscious belief in the inherent value of a type of behaviour and lastly we have instrumental-rational social actions which are carried out to achieve a certain goal. No social action is purely just one of the four types. These types are simply used as a tool to look at real actions and categorise them.

While modern society, obsessed with efficiency and utilitarianism, encouraged instrumental-rational social actions, it is important to look at other aspects that may influence human actions. For instance, a jeweller makes a diamond ring as part of his livelihood. Yet, he may also be motivated by the happiness he brings in the eyes of a young woman who is gifted the ring. Motivations behind a social action cannot be simply observed as one observes the outcome of a science experiment. Thus, Verstehen through its 'deep understanding' of individual actions aims to help social science researchers in comprehending social actions and structural changes in society.

Criticisms of the concept

The concept of Verstehen was criticised by scholars on two grounds. The interpretations arrived at through Verstehen could not be easily validated as the researcher's understanding and biases influenced their interpretation of actions. Further, the concept still largely focused on society's role in encouraging certain actions which then led to social changes. This was critiqued by scholars after Weber through theories like symbolic interactionism which discusses individual agency and explains how people possess more freedom to shape their identities and influence societal change than what was previously thought by sociologists.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"What's the meaning of 'in the offing', sir?"

" 'In the offing' means 'likely to appear in sight'.

His marriage is in the offing.

There is a riot in the offing.

There is a cabinet reshuffle in the offing."

"Sir, can I improve my knowledge of English by going through good dictionaries?"

"Dictionaries are useful up to a point. They give you a lot of information. But you can't become a great speaker or writer by relying only on dictionaries. Dictionaries are not a substitute for good books.

If you read good contemporary works, you would know how words are used in context. You must consult a good dictionary frequently. More important is you must read good books. You will be confused if you depend only on dictionaries.

For example, dictionaries say that 'to start' means 'to begin'. This is by and large true. But these two words are not interchangeable. You start your car, but you don't begin it. You talk about the 'starting trouble' and not the 'beginning trouble'. Again dictionaries say that 'to finish' means 'to end'. I ended my speech as there was some commotion. I couldn't finish it. In 'finish' there is a sense of completion. This sense is absent in 'end'. I can give you a lot of examples. But the point to remember is that dictionaries are useful and they must be consulted. But you can't rely on them alone for improving your English. You must read good contemporary books."

"What's the meaning of 'come up roses', sir?"

"It means 'to come out perfect'.

It was a marvellous function. Everything came up roses.

Don't worry. Everything is coming up roses."

"What's the difference between 'gift' and 'present', sir?"

"A 'present' is personal and is less formal. A 'gift' is formal. 'Gift tax' and not 'present tax'. A 'wedding present', a 'birthday present'. 'Gift cheques', 'gift vouchers'."

"How do you pronounce 'marriage', sir?"

"It is *marij*. It rhymes with carriage. The 'a' in the word is pronounced like the 'a' in 'bat', 'bad' and 'mad'. The stress is on the first syllable. Well, it is getting late for you. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on chocolate on the occasion of World Chocolate Day

1 The name chocolate comes from the Aztec Nahuatl word 'Xocolatl'. What does the native word translate to?

2 Which West African nation is the largest producer of cocoa accounting for nearly 40% of the global output?

3 '____ Cacao' is the binomial name for the plant from which we get cocoa. Fill in the blank with the word that means 'food of the gods' which is also the name of a popular eatery chain in India.

4 Chocolate lovers should be grateful to the Briton Joseph Fry for what innovation?

5 What are Criollo, Forastero and Trinitario, and Nacional?

6 In the much-loved Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, in which type of chocolate bar does Charlie Bucket find his golden ticket?

7 Which popular brand was named after the favourite horse of the Mars family known for chocolate-making?

Name this innovator and chocolate-maker, famous all over the world for an eponymous brand, known for inventing the conching machine used in chocolate manufacture. • WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Following the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, the 14th Dalai Lama was presented this award. **Ans: Nobel Peace Prize**

2. This approach is known for being the 14th Dalai Lama's adopted method for resolution of the issue between Tibet and China. **Ans: Middle Way Approach**

3. The term in Buddhism which denotes any person who is on the path towards Buddhahood. **Ans: Bodhisattva**

4. The Indian sitar player featured in Inner World, a studio album released by the 14th Dalai Lama in 2020. **Ans: Anoushka Shankar**

5. The 1959 Tibetan uprising triggered the 14th Dalai Lama's escape from Tibet to India, where he was welcomed in this town. **Ans: Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh**

6. This suburb in Himachal Pradesh is named after Sir Donald Friell McLeod. **Ans: McLeod Ganj/McLeodganj**

Visual: The Dalai Lama is said to be an incarnation of this spiritual being. **Ans: Avalokiteśvara**

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RISE 12:32	SET 00:04
FRIDAY, JUL. 08	
RISE 05:59	SET 18:50
RISE 13:25	SET 00:43
SATURDAY, JUL. 09	
RISE 05:59	SET 18:50
RISE 14:20	SET 01:25

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Tumakuru	28	23
Mysuru	29	20
Bengaluru	25	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of moderate rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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Reintroduction of Yeshaswini scheme turns a challenge

'It could be integrated within larger framework of Ab-ArK to avoid duplication'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Five months after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the reintroduction of Yeshaswini health scheme for farmers, there is still no clarity on how the scheme will be made available in a new form.

Following an indication from the Chief Minister that the scheme will have to be implemented in the State from October 2, officials from the Cooperation Department held a consultative meeting on June 22 with officials from Health Department and Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), the nodal agency that runs the State's health insurance schemes. Sources said officials discussed various options of reintroduction and the differences between the Yeshaswini and Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka (Ab-ArK) schemes.

Sources said there is a lot of confusion on whether to run the scheme independently or continue it as an integrated one under AB-ArK with some add-ons for the premium paying Yeshaswini beneficiaries. Officials discussed the mechanism that needs to be worked out to ensure there is no duplication of claims by beneficiaries.

"Besides, if it is continued under AB-ArK, the service should be made referral-free for Yeshaswini beneficiaries. Under AB-ArK, there is a rider of referral from a government health facility to a private hospital for advanced treatment that cannot be made available at the government facility," sources pointed out.

There is still no clarity on how Yeshaswini scheme will be made available to farmers in a new form. • FILE PHOTO

As integrated scheme

"After deliberations, it was decided that it would be a wise option to continue it as an integrated scheme under AB-ArK with add-ons. The add-on benefits for Yeshaswini beneficiaries could be coverage of pre-admission diagnostic and treatment costs and referral-free treatment. Also, the possibility of enhancing the annual health cover of existing ₹5 lakh under AB-ArK to ₹10 lakh for Yeshaswini beneficiaries was also discussed," sources said. Yeshaswini, launched in 2003 by the State government, was one of the largest self-funded healthcare schemes in the country. Covering 823 defined surgical procedures, the scheme enabled rural beneficiaries to avail cashless treatment costing up to ₹2 lakh for a single admission every year for an annual contribution of ₹250.

When Arogya Karnataka was rolled out in the State in March 2018, eight independent health schemes were merged under one head. The idea was to eliminate overlap of multiple health schemes and duplication in fund release.

Subsequently, after Arogya Karnataka was co-branded with Ayushman Bharat in October 2018, the annual health cover (for 1,650 procedures under Arogya Karnataka) of ₹1.5 lakh a year for a BPL family of five (with additional assistance of ₹50,000 in some cases), was raised to ₹5 lakh.

At the meeting, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. explained the differences between the old Yeshaswini and existing AB-Ark schemes. "The Yeshaswini scheme could be integrated within the larger framework of AB-ArK. Certain additional scheme benefits under Yeshaswini are being worked out by the Cooperation Department. Once we receive those details, the Health Commissionerate and SAST could work on structuring the scheme," the Commissioner told *The Hindu* on Wednesday.

S.R. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department, said suitable mechanisms are being worked out to ensure there is no duplication.

FROM PAGE ONE

'10.12 lakh children are out of school in State'

The survey identified a total of 13,73,921 children in the age group of 0-18 in urban areas, excluding the BBMP limits, and 35,24,260 in the rural areas.

The total number of children identified in the BBMP limits is 17,70,081.

With the completion of the process of identification of children in the age group of 0 to 18 as per the RTE Act, the State government has to now take immediate steps to ensure admission of these children, primarily in the age group of 6 to 14, who have never enrolled to the school and those who have dropped out of schools, the amicus curiae told the Bench.

'Consider survey'

Taking note of the results of the survey, the Bench directed the high-level committee, which was set up to coordinate on the issue of out-of-school children on the court's earlier direction, to consider the outcome of the survey and suggest to the court the immediate measures to be taken to admit these 9.87 lakh children in the age group of 0-6 to anganwadis.

Disproportionate assets case filed against Zameer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The ED report on Chamarajpet MLA B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan in a disproportionate assets case revealed that he had amassed disproportionate assets worth ₹87.4 crore, which is 2031% more than his known source of income, ACB officials said .

The ACB, based on the ED report, conducted simultaneous raids at five places and recovered several documents pertaining to the case. The seized documents are being verified.

The ED conducted raids on the properties of Mr. Khan in August 2021 on allegations of money laundering after his name surfaced in the IMA ponzi scam.

The ACB officials on Tuesday conducted searches at the residence of Mr. Khan near Cantonment Railway Station, a flat in Silver Oak apartment, a guesthouse at Sadashivanagar, a building housing GK Associates office at Banashankari, and National Travels office in Kalasipalya.

NHM staff to strike work

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Health services are likely to be hit as contractual health staff, appointed under the National Health Mission, have decided to strike work on Thursday demanding equal pay for equal work.

Over 5,000 contract workers, under the banner of the Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsource Employees' Association, have launched a "Bengaluru Chalo" programme and will stage a demonstration at Freedom Park on Thursday.

Association president Vishwaradhya H.Y. said although Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar had said most of their demands have been met, it was not true. The department has around 30,000 contract staff under NHM. The staff include auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs), staff nurses, doctors, lab technicians, and pharmacists. "An ANM under NHM gets ₹10,000, but a permanent employee of the Health Department may get between ₹14,000 and ₹16,000. There is a lot of difference between salaries of contract and permanent staff although work is the same," he said.

Mount Carmel College gears up for platinum jubilee

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In 1948, the Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa (CSST) began the journey called Mount Carmel College (MCC) with the prime objective of taking education to women. On July 9, the college will be celebrating its platinum jubilee.

The objective of the event is to make a formal beginning of the entire platinum jubilee, which is a yearlong event. The management has interspersed academic and cultural activities along with certain social causes with which the institution will be associated for the year.

While the Eucharistic mass is being held on Thursday with the unveiling of the bust of Mother Teresa of the Saint Rose of Lima, the formal inauguration will be on Saturday with the Vice President, the Governor and the Education Minister participating.

The college, in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Child Welfare, has taken over five anganwadis in Bengaluru Rural and it is being redesigned by the students of interior design management of MCC. "The college has taken another initiative to provide electric vehicles for 75 physically challenged women and children," Suma Singh, dean of humanities, MCC, said.

The college has also decided to enhance the scholarships and fee waiver concessions. Their special platinum scholarship funds will be reaching over 1,750 students.

Red alert sounded for coastal districts today

IMD predicts extremely heavy rainfall

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Issuing red alert for coastal Karnataka districts on July 7, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that there is likely to be extremely heavy rainfall ranging above 204.5 mm in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada districts.

According to the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), high waves in the range of 3.5 meters to 4.8 meters are predicted along the coast from Mangaluru to Karwar till 11.30 p.m. on July 7. The wind speed is likely to reach 40-50 kmph, gusting up to 60 kmph in the coast. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea. The IMD said that on July 8 and July 9, there is likely to be heavy to very heavy rain (orange alert) ranging between 115.6 mm and 204.4 mm at isolated places in the coastal districts.

It said that the coastal districts are likely to get heavy rain (yellow alert) ranging between 64.5 mm and 115.5 mm at isolated places on July 10 and 11.

Deputy Commissioners of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi have announced that holiday for all educational institutions in the two districts will continue on Thursday, for the third day in a row.

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Heavy rains lash Sagar town; two houses collapse

Shivamogga district has been receiving heavy downpour

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Two houses collapsed during heavy rains in Sagar in Shivamogga district of Karnataka in the early hours of Wednesday. The houses, on Gulamuddin Road in ward 24 of Sagar City Municipal Council, collapsed around 1.30 a.m. Both the families were in shock. They could not sleep throughout the night, as they had no alternative place to take shelter.

One of the houses that collapsed in Sagar in Shivamogga district on Wednesday.

Sagar City Municipal Council members Tasrif Ibrahim, Aravind Raikar and Commissioner Raju D. Banakar visited the spot and assured the families that they would get fair compensation soon. Mr. Banakar told *The Hindu* that the city had been witnessing heavy rains for the past two days. "Two houses collapsed during heavy rains. We have submitted a report to the tahsildar for rehabilitation of the affected families and compensation," he said.

Jameel Sagar, a resident of Sagar, said, "The families are poor. The rain had rendered them homeless. The administration should make arrangements." Many parts of Shivamogga district have been receiving heavy rains for the past two days.

Income tax raids on Micro Labs Ltd.

Their product Dolo 650 made big business during the pandemic

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Income tax sleuths conducted raids on city-based pharma major Micro Labs Ltd. on Wednesday.

Micro Labs's major product Dolo 650 made big business during the COVID-19 pandemic and the company emerged as the leader in the sector. Reports suggest the firm sold 350 crore Dolo 650 tablets since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020.

Over 200 sleuths from the I-T Department reportedly conducted raids at over 40 locations across the country, including Bengaluru, where the corporate headquarters of the company is located at Madhavanagar, Racecourse Road.

Residences searched

Residences of the company's leadership Dileep Surana and Anand Surana in the city were also searched. Raids were also reportedly conducted at Micro Labs facilities in Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Sikkim.

Both the I-T Department and Micro Labs were tight-lipped about the raids. "We do not have any comment to offer at this point of time," said Jairaj Govindaraju, executive V-P, Marketing and Corporate Communications, Micro Labs Ltd.

Pilot project to distribute menstrual cups

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A pilot project on distribution of menstrual cups as a hygiene device for adolescent girls was launched at B.R. Hills in Chamarajanagar on Wednesday.

Inaugurating the project, K. Sudhakar, Minister for Health and Medical Education said that the project to distribute "Maitri" cups was announced in the Budget and has been launched as a pilot programme in Chamarajanagar and Dakshina Kannada districts.

The project is being implemented in one of the border districts and another district with high literacy rates and based on the results, will be extended throughout Karnataka, he added.

Flower show is all set to return to Lalbagh this Aug.

It will be held between August 5 and 15 to mark I-Day

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The famed flower show is all set to return to the city after a gap of over two years to Lalbagh Botanical Garden between August 5 and 15, on account of Independence Day. This will be the first flower show to happen in Lalbagh after the Republic Day show in 2020. Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, four consecutive flower shows were cancelled in the last two years.

Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, four consecutive flower shows were cancelled in the last two years. • FILE PHOTO

The flower show gets organised twice every year, for Republic Day and Independence Day by the Horticulture Department along with Mysore Horticulture Society. During the last months of 2021, the department started arrangements for the Republic Day show, which was cancelled in January after the advent of the third wave of COVID-19. The theme for the show was decided to be a floral tribute to Dr. Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar.

Sources within the Horticulture Department confirmed that the same theme will be followed this Independence Day. "The preparations for next month have started in full swing. We will be paying a floral tribute to the late actors. For the floral arrangements, along with the ones grown here in Lalbagh, we have also received flowers from Mysuru, Ooty, Hyderabad and other parts of the country. Some of these are of special varieties too," said the official.

There is a chance that the entry fees for the flower show this year might be higher than the pre-pandemic times. "We have still not finalised details about the entrance fees. It will mostly be decided within the next four to five days," the official said.

"These flower shows are amongst some of the unique attractions of the city and I went every year without fail with my family. If the show is definitely happening this time, I will be there on the first day," said Veena Rao, a retired bank employee.

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VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement) (eTender)

Re-eTender No.- 26 /2022-23 Dated: 05.07.2022

PR no- 264938 dated 26.02.2022

The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State /Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the following works of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna, Phase –XIV (2016-17) and XV th Phase (2017-18) of PMGSY-I.

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid.

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Sl. No.	District Name	Division /Block	Package No.	Road Name	Bridge Length (M)	Cost of Const. and Maint. With GST (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Time Comple -tion
1.	West Singhbhum	Chakradhar-pur (Goelkera)	JH22EG26B1 (5th Call)	Bridge over Local Nala at Ch. 2.40 KM (L057-Posaita to Baliya Leventa (VR187)	89.44	187.00	1.87	30th March 2023
ROAD								
2.	West Singhb hum	Chaibasa (Tonto)	JH22TKE099 (4th Call)	Remaining work of T01 (MALPI) to TAMBAHAKA	8.34	402.68	4.03	30th March 2023

Date of opening of tenders are as given below:-

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date & time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical bid	Financial bid
1	2	3	4	6	7
Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	07.07.2022 upto 10.30 AM	16.07.2022 upto 3.00 PM	16.07.2022 at 5.00 PM	To be informed later

All other details can be seen in the bidding documents which are available at website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in.**

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5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.
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Sl. No.	Name of work	Work Indent & IFT Number	Amount put to tender in Rs.	Last date for submission of bid
1	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Medical and Engineering Boys Hostel Building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Kalaburagi Town, Kalaburagi district.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 980 & IFT No.60/2022-23, Date: 01.07.2022	2,54,36,473.00	16.07.2022 Up to 4 PM
2	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Medical and Engineering Girls Hostel Building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Jayanagara, Ballary Town, Ballary district.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 981 & IFT No.61/2022-23, Date: 01.07.2022	2,55,46,407.00	
3	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Girls Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Chikkamangaluru Town in Chikkamangaluru District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 982 & IFT No.65/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,53,90,286.00	18.07.2022 Up to 4 PM
4	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Engineering & Medical Girls Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Chitradurga Town in Chitradurga District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 983 & IFT No.66/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,57,48,883.00	
5	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Professional Girls Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Davanagere Town in Davanagere District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 991 & IFT No.73/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,55,98,430.00	
6	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Professional Boys Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Haveri Town in Haveri District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 984 & IFT No.64/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,57,82,265.00	
7	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Engineering & Medical Boys Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Tumakuru Town in Tumakuru District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 990 & IFT No.72/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,51,59,216.00	
8	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Boys Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Yadgiri in Yadgiri District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 992 & IFT No.74/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,37,48,547.00	
9	Proposed Construction of Post Matric Professional Boys Hostel building for Alemari/Are-Alemari Community Students at Bidar in Bidar District.	Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 993 & IFT No.75/2022-23, Date: 04.07.2022	2,44,60,690.00	

For further information, contact below mentioned office address : Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru Phone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077 web site : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
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2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಸತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ, ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿವಿಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಅತಿ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ **ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ಎ" 7 ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರೂಪ್-"ಬಿ"-8** ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.07.2022 ರಿಂದ 29.07.2022 ಪರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ:5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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FORM NO.CAA-2
[Pursuant to Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016]

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH

IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH THE COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATIONS) RULES,2016

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IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHERN PARADISE STUD AND DEVELOPERS FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY INN PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED

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IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN PARADISE STUD AND DEVELOPERS FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY INN PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS

CA (CAA) NO. 30 / BB /2022

EMBASSY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U85110KA1996PTC020897
Registered Office: I Floor, Embassy Point,
150, Infantry Road,
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.....APPLICANT COMPANY NO. 4/ TRANSFEREE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated June 6, 2022 read with order dated June 23, 2022 (collectively referred to as "**Order**"), the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench("**Tribunal**") has directed a meeting to be held of the Unsecured Creditors of Embassy Property Developments Private Limited ("**Transferee Company**")for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between 'Southern Paradise Stud and Developers Farms Private Limited' and 'Embassy Housing Finance and Developments Private Limited' and 'Embassy Inn Private Limited' and 'Embassy Property Developments Private Limited' and their respective shareholders and creditors ("**Scheme**")

In pursuance of the Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of Embassy Property Developments Private Limitedwill be held through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio-Visual Means ("**VC/OAVM**") on August 19, 2022 (Friday) at 12:30 PM at which time the Unsecured Creditors of the Transferee Company are requested to attend.

The link for the meeting is www.evotingindia.com - joining instructions and login credentials will be shared separately to the respective creditors.

The Tribunal has appointed Mr. Shashank Kumar, Advocate as Chairperson and Mr. Pankaj Srivastava, Practicing Chartered Accountantas the Scrutinizer of the said Unsecured Creditors meeting. The Scheme, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Copy of the said Scheme and the statement under Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the TransfereeCompanyor at the office of its Authorized Representative i.e., Mr. A Murali, Advocate at #407, Level 4, Prestige Centre Point, #7, Edward Road,Bengaluru – 560 052. Since the meeting is proposed to be held through VC/OAVM, appointment of proxy shall not be applicable.

SD/-Mr. Shashank Kumar
Advocate
Dated : Chairperson appointed for the meeting of
This 6th Day of July 2022 the Unsecured Creditors

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The link for the meeting is https://teams.microsoft.com/ - joining instructions and login credentials will be shared separately to the respective creditors.

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SD/-Mr. G. Sridhar
Advocate
Dated : Chairperson appointed for the
This 6th Day of July 2022 meeting of the Secured Creditors

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No. RIMS/SUP/TEND/EQP/07/2022-23/Call-2 Dated: 02.07.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Various Equipments to Multi Disciplinary Research Unit, Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur under two cover bid system **through E-Procurement Portal** of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **04.07.2022,** 2)Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before **18.07.2022 upto 5.00 PM,** 3) Technical bid will be opened on **20.07.2022 at 11.30 AM**

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

Sd/- Director,
DIP/Raichur/170/MC&A/2022-23 **Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur**

CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION KARNATAKA (CMAK)
(Affiliated to Directorate of Municipal Administration, GoK)
No.42, "Sanjeevini" 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
Ph: 080-23464332 / 35 URL: www.cmak.municipaladmn.gov.in

No.: CMAK/Recruitment/2022-23 **NOTIFICATION** Date: 05.07.2022

General Secretary CMAK, Bangalore invites applications from the interested eligible candidates in CMAK on yearly renewable contractual basis.

Designation	No.of Post	Qualification	Age below (as on June 2022)	Remuneration
Coordinator	1	**Masters Degree / M.Sc in Env. Science /MPhil / PhD or Masters in Urban Planning with 8 to 10 years of experience.** Experience in Sustainable Development, Environment, Urban Development, Water and Sanitation related areas.	50 Years	Rs.60,000/- per month

Other terms : (1) Candidates shall have willingness to travel within India. Knowledge of MS office, proficiency in English and Kannada language is required. The interested candidates may fill the information in the application format uploaded in the CMAK website and send their resume mentioning the post applied alongwith the copies of final year degree / postgraduation certificates, SSLC Marks card for age proof and experience certificates by hand or post to ; **General Secretary, City Managers' Association, Karnataka, No.42, "Sanjeevini", 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.** For more details & application format browse **www.cmak.municipaladmn.gov.in.** The candidates should send their application format alongwith resumes on or before **16.07.2022 by 5:00 pm. 2.** General Secretary, CMAK reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason.

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Sd/- General Secretary, CMAK
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~:: E-Procurement Tender ::~

(As perStandard Tender Procurement Bid Document KW-4)

As per KTPP 2000 Act by the Order and in the name of Governer, Karnataka State Tenders are invite under 2018-19SFC Special Grant Scheme for various Civil Work. Eligible registered bidders are requested to bid in Two Cover System via E-Procurement Portal Website www.eprockarnataka.gov.inon/or beforethe date mentioned as under through e-portal only. Manual application will not be accepted.

Further details contact under signed office at Working hours.

1] Tender Schedule Download Date from : **From : 02-07-2022 To 13-07-2022at 05-30 PM.** 2] Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **15-07-2022at 11-00AM.** 3] Date & Time of Pre Bid Meeting: **07-07-2022 at 11-00 AM.** 4] Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: **18-07-2022at 11-00 AM or After days.** 5] Application Fee (Non-Refundable): **As per E-procurement**

In case of the Date of Bid Opening happends to be holiday because of any Special Circumstances/Govt. holiday, The Next Date is Considered as Date of Opening.

2018-19th SFC Special Grant Works Details: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT131482/CALL-2 **Estimated Cost (In Rupeer):** 35245606.41, **EMD (In Rupeer):** 528690.00. **Working Period:** 12 Months

Note :Any changes in Calendar of events will be published in e-procurement portal only

Conditions : 1) Strictly Follow the Conditions as per Tender Document. **2)** If the Tenderer Who Submit their financial amount less than estimated Cost then he should submit the less DD of the difference amount (Mandatory). **3)** The Sole Decision of Tender Acceptance & Rejection Authority of Chief officer TMC Kushtagi

DIPR/Koppal/201/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Chief Officer, TMC Kushtagi.**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of The Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G Road, Bangalore- 560009

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB invites Item rate tenders in two stage tender system from Registered Agencies for the following works.

Name of work	Amount put to tender EMD
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(W)/ACE(W)-1/DCE(M)-1/TA(M)-1/1368/2022-23 Date: 06.07.2022	
Work of providing and laying 100mm, 150mm, 200mm and 300mm DI Water line to Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Sy No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15/3, 16/3, 17/3, 18, 19 and 21 at Vasudevapura Village, Sy No. 4, 5, 14, 16, & 17 at Govindapura Village, Sy No. 11/2 & 12 at Kenchenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Ward No. 01, Bangalore North Taluk coming under 110 Villages, GKVK Service Station of AEENV-2 Sub Division.	**Rs. 388.23 Lakhs** / **Rs. 5.824 Lakhs**
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(W)/ACE(W)-1/DCE(M)-1/TA(M)-1/1370/2022-23 Date: 06.07.2022	
Work of providing UGD facilities by Gravity, pumping line with wet well to Manyata Residency layout, Rachenahalli coming under AEENV-2 Sub Division.	**Rs. 345.38 Lakhs** / **Rs. 5.20 Lakhs**

For the above works last date and time for receipt of submission of completed tender document is on **05.08.2022** upto **16:00 hrs**. The tender opening is on **06.08.2022** after **16:00 hrs.**

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

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Sd/-
Chief Engineer (West)

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-2, Bhalki

No.KNNL/EE/KPC2/TS-5/2022-23/361 Dated:30.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM) IN SINGLE &TWO COVER SYSTEM

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki in Single cover and Two cover system, from the contractors enrolled in KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the works details mentioned below.

The work Indent no's are 1) 32835/CALL-2, 2) 32957/CALL-2, 3) 33300/CALL-2, 4) 33310/CALL-2, 5) 33311/CALL-2, 6) 33327, 7) 33434 AND 8) 33435. The amount put tender 1) 13.21 LAKHS, 2) 6.06 LAKHS, 3) 32.00 LAKHS, 4) 44.64 LAKHS, 5) 44.64 LAKHS, 6) 44.64 LAKHS, 7) 445.95 LAKHS & 8) 445.96 LAKHS respectively and EMD and Class of Contractor as per E-portal

Calendar of events: a)The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document 04-07-2022 @11.00am b) The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents 18-07-2022 @ 16.30Hrs (For Cover –I) and 03-08-2022 @ 16.30Hrs (For Cover-II) c) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is 04-08-2022 @ 17.00 Hrs (For Cover-II)& Financial bid is 19-07-2022 @ 17.00 Hrs (For Cover –I) & 06-08-2022 @ 17.00Hrs (For Cover-II) respectively. All details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Bidar/128/MC&A/2022-23 **KNNL, KPC, Division no-2, Bhalki.**

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Self-help groups use 60-70% of loans for personal needs: Report

A total of 1,520 SHGs assessed by Karnataka Evaluation Authority during 2014-2019

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

Karnataka's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which are formed for empowerment of women, spend 60%-70% of money borrowed as loans for personal/family purposes, said the latest report of the Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA), a State government entity.

An evaluation of performance of SHGs on utilisation of loans availed at concessional rates from District Cooperative Central Banks, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), and other banking sources in nine districts found increase in the number of defaulters over a period.

The KEA report (2022) said the State government or banks should establish credit counselling centres in districts for proper utilisation of funds by SHG members.

A total of 1,520 SHGs in Bidar, Koppal, Belagavi, Haveri, Tumakuru, Bengaluru rural, Kolar, Dakshina Kannada, and Chamarajanagar districts have been taken up for assessing their performance during 2014-2019.

FACT SHEET

- 1,520 SHGs in nine districts of Karnataka surveyed
- Loans taken to meet family expenses highest in Bengaluru Rural at 40%
- Report found that women's confidence improved after joining SHG
- It recommended establishing credit counselling centres in districts

It was found that the number SHG members who were defaulters of loan was 32.29% in 2015-16, 37.5% in 2016-17, 39.29% in 2017-18, and 10.71% in 2018-19.

The KEA report said SHGs borrowed loans for starting a new business in Belagavi (82%), Bidar (32%), and Kolar (48%). In Tumakuru, the main purpose of taking a loan was to expand a business (47%). Loans taken to meet some family expenses are highest in Bengaluru Rural (40%), Haveri (30%), Koppal (40%), and Dakshina Kannada (48%). Respondents in Chamarajanagar took loans to pay debts (80%), the report said.

A large number of SHGs undertake activities in dairy, production, and sale of readymade garments, marketing of blankets, marketing of agricultural seeds and manure, production and sale of papad, sambar powder, agarbathi, and production and sale of compost manure.

The Karnataka government has been actively promoting SHGs since 2000-01 with an objective to empower rural women and make them self-reliant by inculcating the habit of savings and proper use of financial resources. Anganwadi workers and supervisors are instrumental in organising rural women in SHGs. Currently, the loans can be directly sanctioned and disbursed through National Rural Livelihood Mission.

Increased confidence

On the plus side, the KEA report found that women's confidence has improved after joining SHG. Many members have reported starting business activity, which led to an increase in standard of living. Women members who were largely unemployed, working for daily wages, farmers, abd homemakers come together and form SHGs to become self-employed or have their own business after joining SHG.

The report recommended that loan amount for SHG members should be increased from ₹50,000 to ₹1,00,000, for enabling SHGs to undertake diversification of business.

An expert in microfinance said the government promoted SHGs are more likely to default their loans owing to use of loan amounts for marriages, purchase of household utensils, vehicles, repayment of loans borrowed from moneylenders, instead of asset creation or income generating activities.

Citing an example of SHGs promoted by Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) headed by Dharmadhikari D. Veerendra Heggade, the expert said less than one per cent of SKDRDP promoted SHG members have reported default, owing to regular monitoring of work.

'CID not recording names that Paul wants to reveal'

DKS raises doubts over PSI scam probe

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amrit Paul

Karnataka Congress president D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday claimed that CID officers, who are investigating the PSI recruitment scam, are not recording the names of BJP Ministers, leaders, and police officers that suspended ADGP Amrit Paul wanted to reveal and expressed doubts over the impartiality of the probe.

IPS officer Mr. Paul, who was arrested and suspended, was heading the police recruitment wing when the scam unravelled in the selection of 545 police sub-inspectors.

'Won't lead to justice'

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Shivakumar said Mr. Paul was ready to name Ministers and leaders who were involved in the scam.

"But, the investigating officers are not recording it. Such an investigation will not lead to justice. That is why the Congress is demanding a probe under a sitting High Court judge," he said. He alleged that IPS officers, politicians, and Ministers were involved in the recruitment scam and Minister has asked candidates from his district to surrender before the CID.

On former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday in August, the KPCC chief said there was nothing wrong in leaders celebrating birthdays. "As president, I will support any activity that benefits the party," he said.

Ashwath Narayan lashes out at Siddaramaiah

Higher Education Minister C.N Ashwath Narayan has lashed out at Mr. Siddaramaiah for linking his name with the scam related to recruitment of police sub-inspectors.

Alleging that Mr. Siddaramaiah was an "expert in character assassination", the Minister said the Congress leader was firing in the air without bothering to check the facts. He remarked that both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar were trying to compete with each other in this matter.

HC refuses to quash criminal case against Embassy Group chief

Cheque dishonour case involves ₹400 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to quash criminal proceedings initiated against Embassy Group chairman Jitendra Virwani and others in a cheque dishonour case involving ₹400 crore.

Mr. Virwani, who is also chairman of another company named, M/s OMR Investments LLP, a limited liability company engaged in construction and development of real estate, and a few directors and authorised signatories of this company had questioned the proceedings initiated against them under the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

The proceedings was initiated based on a complaint lodged by 82-year-old Pardhanani Chatrabhuj Bassarmal of Bengaluru, who is now residing in Dubai. The complainant had alleged that the cheques issued on behalf of OMRI LLP. for ₹400 crore were dishonoured for want of sufficient fund in the bank account.

The post-dated cheques were issued to the complainant in connection with agreements between him, the Embassy Group, and the OMRI LLP., in relation to a real estate development project.

As the transaction is of ₹400 crore, the argument that the chairman and the directors of the company are not aware of the transactions and the signatories to the cheques are the only persons responsible cannot be countenanced, the court held.

"A mammoth transaction of this nature being executed without passing muster through the office-bearers of the company cannot be imagined at this juncture. The directors or the chairman cannot claim that they are not privy to the enormity of the transaction between the accused and the complainant as the complaint clearly narrates the role of persons, involved in the transaction who are made accused in the case," the court said.

Therefore, it becomes a matter of trial for the petitioners to come out clean, if they are not involved in the transaction at all, the court said.

The court also said that the argument made on behalf of the petitioners that cheques were issued only as security and they are not against any legally recoverable or enforceable debt, does not hold water as these are disputed questions of fact and have to be tried in a full-blown trial.

Kali poster row: 'Country's culture cannot be trivialised'

Balance must be maintained in symbols and essence of our faith, says SC advocate Abhishek Singhvi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and working president Saleem Ahmad greeting party senior leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amid the ongoing controversy over the depiction of Goddess Kali in a film poster, Congress leader and MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi on Wednesday said the heart and spirit of the country's culture cannot be trivialised by anybody anywhere, whether in India or abroad.

"I believe that a balance must be maintained in symbols and essence of our faith," Mr. Singhvi said at a press conference here in Bengaluru.

The Supreme Court's senior advocate said that "people must be careful when they play with the emotions of people which are reflected in such symbols, culture and faith." Several political parties and leaders have opposed the poster of the documentary *Kali* directed by Leena Manimekalai.

Speaking about the open letter by 15 retired judges, 77 former bureaucrats, and 25 former officers of the armed forces against the comments made by Supreme Court Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala, while hearing a plea filed by former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who is facing criminal action following her televised remarks on Prophet Muhammed, Mr. Singhvi alleged that it was done at the behest of the Prime Minister's Office.

He said the "so-called intellectuals" had attacked the apex court judges posting comments on social media by deploying an army of trolls. "When the judgment is not favourable to you, then you attack the judiciary," said the lawyer, condemning the "BJP leaders' attempt to subvert democracy."

'Subverting judicial independence'

Expressing concern over the current state of the judiciary, the Congress leader said the party would write to the Chief Justice of India seeking to constitute a committee to look into attempts of the BJP leaders making scathing remarks against judges and thereby "subverting the independence of judiciary."

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Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) which includes explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (July 7, Thursday), the following explainers are available:

- **Letter & Spirit** | The new rules to keep advertisements in check bit.ly/adsrulesfake
- **Explainer** | India's all-time high trade deficit bit.ly/tradedeficitalltime

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Theatre workshop

BENGALURU
Suchitra Balajagath will start a theatre workshop for children from July 9 till December. Call 080-26711785 for details.

Honorarium of PU college guest lecturers revised

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

After the six years, the State government has revised the monthly honorarium of government Pre-University (PU) college guest lecturers by ₹3,000 per month.

As of now, 3,708 guest lecturers working in government colleges across the State get ₹9,000 as monthly honorarium. Now, they will get ₹12,000 per month. This comes close on the heels of the State government revising the honorarium of primary and high school guest teachers by ₹2,500 per month. President of Government PU Colleges Lecturers' Association, A.H. Ningegowda, had demanded that the college guest lecturers' honorarium should also be revised.

The Director of DPUE had submitted the proposal of revising Government PU colleges guest lecturers' monthly honorarium to ₹15,000.

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D
Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
Tender Notification No: 32-2/2021-22
Date: 02.07.2022

(KW-4 Two Cover System as per Standard Biding Document for Roads & Bridges work)

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura. The Tender Invites through e-procurement portal Two Cover System, under Karnataka Transparence in Public Procurement -2000. **(1)** Tender in e-Procurement portal dated: **04.07.2022** **(2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **06.07.2022 at 3.00 P.M. at above office (3)** Last Date of sub-mission of Tender Documents: **18.07.2022 upto 4.00 P.M. (4)** Opening of Technical Bid: Dated: **21.07.2022 at 04.30 P.M. (5)** Opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://eproc.karanataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Thimmarayappa.B
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Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

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No. E.E.(SGN)/e-Proc/Tend/09/2022-23 Dated : 06-07-2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Two Cover System Notification) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer (Sarvagnanagara Division), East Zone BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any state government organizations for the construction of works given in the Table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive Developments of Roads and Drains and other Allied works in Gandhinagar, Samadhan Nagar, Chuna lanes, Byrappa layout, Govindapura village, Subhash layout, 2nd Block HBR Layout, Hilal Nagar, 3rd Block HBR Layout, 5th Block HBR layout, Kuppuswamy layout, CMR garden and 4th Block HBR layout, Poornanjaneya layout, Kaveri layout, Chikkanna layout, B M Layout, Venkateshpuram, Pillanna Garden & Arokyamma Layout, Sonnappa Block, in Ward No. 23, 24, 30. **Package No. 01**	1600.00	16,00,000/-
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3	1) Comprehensive Development of Lake, 2) Providing Balance works in Dhobi Ghat and Gangmen Quarters in Ward No. 59, Maruthi Seva Nagara, 3) Providing and installation of Machineries for Dhobi Ghat, Lazar Road, M.S. Nagar, Sarvagnanagar Constituency, 4) Drilling and Maintenance of Borewells in Sarvagnangar Constituency. **Package No. 03**	1100.00	15,00,000/-

Calendar of events : (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from : **15.07.2022 (2)** Last date for uploading the filled tender document is **05.08.2022 upto 4.00 P.M. (3)** Date of opening of the Technical bid tenders is on **08.08.2022** if possible or next working day **11.00 A.M. (4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of Executive Engineer Sarvagna Nagar Division, 7th Floor, Public Utility Building, MG Road on **08.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M. (5)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.07.2022 at 11.30 A.M.** in the office of the Chief Engineer 18th Floor Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, BBMP. For details, registration and e-Payment visit GOK e-Procurement webstie **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-22441076

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Sarvagnanagar), BBMP

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Name of Work: The Consultancy Assignment for Project Management including Supervision and Quality Assurance for the construction work of 7024 (G+3) Dwelling Units Build and Transfer of Multi Storey Residential Buildings (1 BHK) housing project including infrastructures under "1 LAKH MULTI STOREY BENGALURU HOUSING PROGRAMME"– PHASE II.

Package	Number of Dwelling Units	Project Cost (Rs. in Crore)	EMD Rs. (in Lakhs)	Last date for submission of bid
1	4704	440.04	11.00	08.08.2022 Upto 16.00 Hrs
2	2320	238.92	6.00	08.08.2022 Upto 16.00 Hrs

Documents can be downloaded from 07.07.2022.
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Mrs. CHITRA ARAMUTHAN
aged 81 years,
attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on **6th July 2022.**
Deeply mourned by:
Son: Rajesh,
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Grand Daughter: Dipika Rajesh Vatsala & Raghu.
Cremation on 7th July 2022
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SAD DEMISE

Shri R. NARAYANAN [83]
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Dr.E.EBENEZER RAJA M.V.Sc., Ph.D
Retd. Professor & Head,
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Madras Veterinary College
10.06.1931 - 07.07.2012
Greatly missed and fondly remembered.
Vijaya, Kishore, Ruth, Ashwin Anushka, Stephen, Anna & Ryan

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OBITUARY

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K. Kumaran

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shri Dwaraknath Naidu (Dalu)**
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TRS aiding BJP to stall Congress: Revanth Reddy

The Telangana State unit chief says KCR wants to force a multi-corner contest in the face of falling popularity, vote share

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

Telangana Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi president K. Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) is aiding and abetting the BJP in the State to stymie the Congress, the party's State unit chief A. Revanth Reddy said in an interview to *The Hindu*.

The BJP recently held its national executive meeting in Hyderabad, making its ambition to expand its presence in the State amply clear.

"Mr. Rao is well aware that the anti-incumbency against his government is rising and the TRS's vote share is shrinking, which is why he wants to force a multi-corner contest and for that he is covertly helping the BJP. His only target is to stall the Congress, because we are the only viable alternative against him," Mr. Reddy said, answering a question on whether he fears that the BJP's expansion plans could push the Congress to an insignificant position in the State. Mr. Rao, he added, wants a return of the 2014 Assembly election arithmetic where with just 34% vote share, the TRS managed to sail through gaining 63 seats.

As far as the BJP is concerned, he added that the Congress has nothing to worry though it remains in an "alert mode". "Telangana voters are tired of the eight years of the Modi government at the Centre and eight years of the KCR government in the State. Both of them have failed to keep the lofty promises they made," Mr. Reddy said. Despite Mr. Reddy's assertion, the Congress in recent Huzurabad byelections could manage to get only one per cent votes. TRS rebel and BJP candidate Eatala Rajender had an emphatic victory. Mr. Reddy said the Congress's electoral presence can not be discounted on the basis of Huzurabad bypolls since the voters voted strategically against the TRS in the elections.

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A. REVANTH REDDY, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President

'Dignity and freedom'

The Congress has already kick-started its campaign in the State in May making a host of promises aimed at the agriculture sector – branding it as "Warangal declaration". Every three months, Mr. Reddy said the party would present part of its plan. The TRS is also heavily invested itself in welfare politics. Can the Congress counter the TRS with an alternative list of sops?

"Telangana voters do not vote for handouts. They vote for their dignity and freedom. KCR is running an autocratic rule. In his tenure, not a single Minister is visible, there is no State secretariat. He has publicly declared that the secretariat is wherever he sits, as if he is a monarch and not an elected Chief Minister," Mr. Reddy answered.

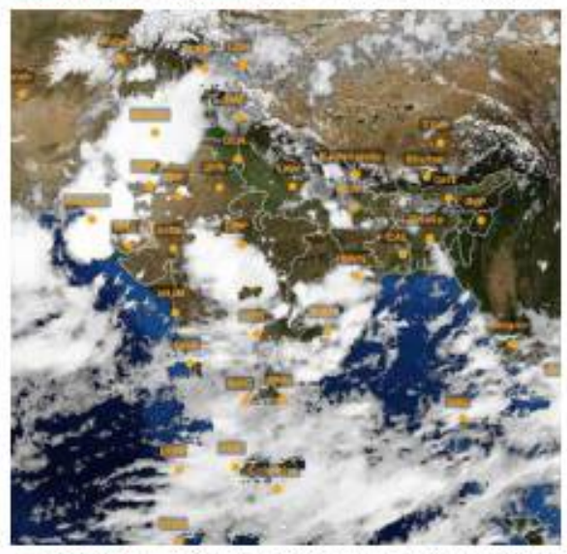
Mr. Reddy's hopes on the Congress's revival is not shared by his colleagues, many of who have declared open rebellion against his "autocratic ways". During the Opposition's Presidential nominee Yashwant Sinha's visit to the State, Mr. Reddy had given a diktat that no Congress leader should welcome him, since he has come to meet the Chief Minister. Even after his direction, a few Congress leaders turned up at the airport and others have been threatening to quit. Mr. Reddy said that such differences do not worry him. It is part of the Congress culture.

"I want to work for the workers of the party not for the leaders," he said.

Mr. Reddy also said that the Congress was unlikely to repeat the Maha Kutami experiment. "So far, we do not have any plan to have alliance but ultimately these are the decisions that the central leadership will take closer to the elections," he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



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Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/ isolated places over Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Tripura, Odisha, Telangana, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Assam, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Yanam and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	34.6	29.8	25.4	Kozhikode	39	27.0	23.5
Ahmedabad	4	34.0	26.5	Kurnool	24	29.1	23.9
Aizawl	22	26.1	21.0	Lucknow	–	38.6	30.3
Allahabad	–	38.1	29.6	Madurai	–	35.7	26.6
Bengaluru	0.2	25.0	20.6	Mangaluru	108.5	27.4	22.8
Bhopal	1.2	32.0	24.0	Mumbai	194	26.7	24.8
Bhubaneswar	7.8	31.8	24.7	Mysuru	10	26.0	18.4
Chandigarh	97	33.5	24.1	New Delhi	–	38.6	29.4
Chennai	3	32.8	26.3	Patna	–	36.0	28.7
Coimbatore	1	28.6	22.4	Port Blair	23	30.4	23.8
Dehradun	25	34.5	22.6	Puducherry	0.7	32.4	25.3
Gangtok	1.5	24.2	19.3	Pune	20.4	24.8	21.3
Goa	38	30.4	23.0	Raipur	2.2	32.5	25.2
Guwahati	4	33.0	27.5	Ranchi	11	30.0	22.6
Hubballi	–	25.0	21.0	Shillong	2	23.7	18.3
Hyderabad	12	28.6	21.6	Shimla	48	29.0	18.3
Imphal	0.5	31.0	23.7	Srinagar	0.4	28.0	21.3
Jaipur	–	36.0	29.3	Thiruvananthapuram	3	31.0	23.0
Kochi	48	27.8	23.6	Tiruchi	–	33.3	27.0
Kohima	8	29.4	17.4	Vijayawada	15	31.9	24.6
Kolkata	2	32.3	27.3	Visakhapatnam	35	32.3	22.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	47	16	.66	45	62	
Bengaluru	22	30	108	–	89	
Chennai	14	31	.44	41	39	
Delhi	20	31	.75	146	125	
Hyderabad	8	5	.50	39	42	
Kolkata	13	12	.14	29	51	
Lucknow	9	74	.42	86	101	
Mumbai	10	24	–	–	208	
Pune	35	27	102	81	61	
Visakhapatnam	16	39	.34	43	67	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Siwan, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 207 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

CPI(M) reverses move to back Cherian

Party factors in legal opinion and implications

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The CPI(M) reportedly sought Culture and Fisheries Minister Saji Cherian's resignation to mitigate the incrementally intensifying legal and national-level fallout of his controversial remarks "against" the Constitution.

By some accounts, the CPI (M)'s initial instinct was to resist the Congress and BJP campaign for Mr. Cherian's ouster. However, the CPI (M)'s national leadership reportedly felt Mr. Cherian's continuation in government would imperil the party's high-profile campaign to defend the Constitution against the Centre's "infringements" on the founding principles.

The party's disposition in the matter also seemed apparent in CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury's reaction in New Delhi. "The party's State unit will address the issue," Mr. Yechury said. The CPI(M) reportedly noted that the Congress and the BJP had "misrepresented" Mr. Cherian's remark as disrespecting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. It also factored in the high-profile protests against Mr. Cherian by pro-Congress and pro-BJP Dalit organisations.

Finally, the Advocate-General's "opinion" that the Minister's continuation in office was legally untenable reportedly turned the tables on Mr. Cherian. The Congress-led UDF on Wednesday disrupted the proceedings of the Kerala Assembly demanding the resignation of Mr. Cherian. The UDF accused him of disavowing his ministerial oath of office. When the Treasury benches rose in support of Mr. Cherian, UDF legislators trooped into the well of the House.

Saji Cherian leaves after a meeting with top leaders of CPI(M), in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday. •PTI

Court directs police to file case against Saji Cherian

PATHANAMTHITTA

The Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Thiruvalla on Wednesday directed the Kerala police to book a case against the outgoing Minister for Culture and Fisheries Saji Cherian over his remarks criticising the Constitution of India. It was considering a petition filed by a Kochi- based lawyer.

Questions over status of Vizag land scam report

SUMIT BHATTACHARJEE
VISAKHAPATNAM

The SIT that had been constituted to inquire into the alleged land scam in Visakhapatnam reportedly submitted its second report in September 2021.

Since then, there has been no word on it from the Andhra Pradesh government since then, which is raising doubts over the status of the report, and if it is gathering dust.

The report has not been made public. There has been no action on the persons named in the report.

The State has also not sought any clarifications on or modifications to the report. As per reliable sources, the SIT had named around 25 to 30 persons, including a few serving bureaucrats, senior government officials, and former bureaucrats. The SIT had looked into six categories – change in classification, tampering with records, encroachment of government land, grabbing of government land, allotment of government land to private individuals and organisations, and issuance of NoC to political sufferers and freedom fighters.

The SIT had received about 1,400 applications, with a majority of them pertaining to the 22-A lands. Of them, it had cleared about 400, and sent the remaining to the authorities concerned in the Revenue Department for necessary action. Former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu too had constituted a SIT led by IPS officer Vineet Brijlal in 2017-18.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಪ 167 ಎಹಿಕ್ಯೂ(ಇ) 2022 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.06.2022

1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 28(1) ರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು ಹಾಸನ ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ರನ್ ವೇ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ. 1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ವಿಧಿ 28(1) (1966ರ 18ನೇ ನಂ. ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ) ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ವಿಧಿ 35 ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶಿಸುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ತಡೆಯುದಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಅಡ್ಡಿಪಡಿಸುವುದಾಗಲೀ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ನಂತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೇ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದ, ಕ್ರಯ, ಭೋಗ್ಯ ಮುಂತಿಗೆ ಅದಲು ಬದಲು ಅಥವಾ ಮತ್ತಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಡುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಅಥವಾ ಮತ್ತಿತರ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಕೂಡದು. ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ 1894ರ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಕಲಂ 24ರ (ನಿಯಮ 7)ರ ಅನ್ವಯ (1894ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1) 1961ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 17ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಾದಂತೆ ಮತ್ತು 1966ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮದ ವಿಧಿ 30ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಭುವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೊಬಳಿ : ಕಸಬಾ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಹಾಸನ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.	ಹಾತೆದಾರರ/ ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ-ಗುಂ) ಖಪ	ಖರಾಬು	ಬಾಕಿ	ತರಹ	ಆಕಾರ	ಚಿಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ
1	40/3ಎ ಪೈಕಿ	ಕಾಂತಮಣಿ ಸುಶೀಲ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ	0-01	–	0-01			ಸ.ನಂ.40/ 3ಎರಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/ 3ಎರಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/ 3ಎರಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ. 40/3ಬ
2	40/3ಬ ಪೈಕಿ	ಬಿ.ಸಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ	0-01 ½	-	0-01 ½			ಸ.ನಂ.40/3ಬ ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/3 ಬ ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/ 3ಎ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/4
3	40/4ರ ಪೈಕಿ	1.ಕೆ.ಐ.ಎ.ಡಿ.ಬಿ.ಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ (0-14) 2. ಗಣೇಶಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಬೋಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ (0-08) 3.ಕರುಣಾಕರ ಬಿನ್ ಬೋಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ (0-22) 4.ಕರುಣಾಕರ ಬಿನ್ ಬೋಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡ (0-21)	0-00 ½	-	0-00 ½			ಸ.ನಂ.40/4ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/4 ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/3ಬ	ಸ.ನಂ.40/5
4	41	1.ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ (1-00) 2.ಆರ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ ಉ: ರಂಗಪ್ಪ (1-00) 3.ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ (41-00) 4.ವೆಂಕಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ (0-10) 5. ರಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ (2-00) 6. ಕೆ.ಐ.ಡಿ.ಬಿ.ಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ (2-00) 7. ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ (2-00) 8.ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ (2-00) 9.ವಿಮಾನ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ (2-00) 10. ಸಂಜೀವೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸೇಗೌಡ (2-00) 11. ರಾಜೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ (2-00) 12. ವೆಂಕಟೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ (1-00) 13. ಇಂದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಬಿ.ಡಿ. ಮಂಜೇಗೌಡ (1-00) 14. ದ್ಯಾವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ (1-00) 15. ವೆಂಕಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ (1-00)	2-00	2-00	–			ಸ.ನಂ.41ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.49	ಸ.ನಂ.41ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ.49
5	49	1.ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ(20-16) 2. ಬಿ.ಕೆ. ತಿಮ್ಮರಾಯಿಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಿಗೌಡ (0-05) 3. ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ದ್ಯಾವೇಗೌಡ (1-00) 4. ಮೋಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ದ್ಯಾವೇಗೌಡ (0-38)5.ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಟೇಗೌಡ (1-00)	3-14	3-14	–			ಸ.ನಂ. 41	ಸ.ನಂ. 49 ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ. 41 ಮತ್ತು 49ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ	ಸ.ನಂ. 49 ರ ಉಳಿಕೆ
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆದೇಶಾನುಸಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ (ಎನ್.ಕುಮಾರ್)
ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆಡಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (ಕೈ.ಅ.), ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ.
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FORM NO.CAA-2
[Pursuant to Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 6 and 7 of the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations)Rules, 2016]
BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH THE COMPANIES (COMPROMISES, ARRANGEMENTS AND AMALGAMATIONS) RULES, 2016
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHERN PARADISE STUD AND DEVELOPERS FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY INN PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN PARADISE STUD AND DEVELOPERS FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY INN PRIVATE LIMITED AND EMBASSY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
CA (CAA) NO. 30 / BB /2022
EMBASSY INN PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U70103KA2010PTC053101
Registered Office: Embassy Point, I Floor, 150, Infantry Road,Bengaluru – 560 001
...APPLICANT COMPANY NO.3/TRANSFEROR COMPANY 3
Notice is hereby given that by an order dated June 6, 2022 read with order dated June 23, 2022 (collectively referred to as "Order"), the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench("Tribunal") has directed a meeting to be held of the Secured Creditors of Embassy InnPrivate Limited ("Transferor Company 3")for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between 'Southern Paradise Stud and Developers Farms Private Limited' and 'Embassy Housing Finance and Developments Private Limited' and 'Embassy Inn Private Limited' and 'Embassy Property Developments Private Limited' and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme")
In pursuance of the Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Secured Creditors of Embassy InnPrivate Limited,/ the Transferor Company 3will be held through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio-Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") on August 19, 2022 (Friday) at 10:30 AM at which time the Secured Creditors of the Transferor Company 3 are requested to attend.
The link for the meeting ishttps://teams .microsoft.com/-joining instructions and login credentials will be shared separately to the respective creditors.
The Tribunal has appointed Mr. G. Sridhar, Advocate as Chairperson and Mr. Abhi Parakh, Practicing Chartered Accountantas the Scrutinizer of the said Secured Creditors meeting. The Scheme, if approved by the meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.
Copies of the said Scheme and of the statement under Section 230(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 can be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Transferor Company 3or at the office of its Authorized Representative i.e., Mr. A Murali, Advocate at #407, Level 4, Prestige Centre Point, #7, Edward Road,Bengaluru – 560 052. Since the meeting is proposed to be held through VC/OAVM, appointment of proxy shall not be applicable.
SD/-Mr. G. Sridhar
Advocate
Dated :
This 6th Day of July 2022
Chairperson appointed for the meeting of the Secured Creditors

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned Govt of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Office: 08354 235654
No. SEE/BGKT/EEE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/3579-92 Date:06.07.2022
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437
Short Term Tender notification (E-procurement mode only)
The Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, HESCOM, Bagalkot invites Various Service tenders. Last date for receipt of bid document is Dated: 15-07-2022 before 16:00 Hrs through e-procurement mode only.
The detailed bidding documents can be downloaded through e-procurement portal web site http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in .
Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele)
O & M Circle, HESCOM, Bagalkot
DIPR/DWD/321/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY
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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Hate crime, punishment

There needs to be zero tolerance for violence over 'hurt sentiments' because of hate speech

India's laws on freedom of expression are clear about the reasonableness of the right to exercise it. But hate speech, directed at communities and intended to fan communal hatred, is not clearly defined in the law. However, there are provisions in the law that can be interpreted as allowing for criminalising offences that are related to hate speech, in particular those that are likely to incite violence. There have been rightful demands, including from the Law Commission of India, to add specific provisions in the Indian Penal Code to tackle hate speech. It is imperative that lawmakers work on doing so, especially in the age of online media and messaging, where hate speech incidents have burgeoned into an even more significant problem. That said, there is no justification for any form of hate speech to be countered with violence. As the adage goes, sticks and stones may break bones, but words will not. There must be zero tolerance for violence. The incident in Amravati, Maharashtra, where a chemist, Umesh Kolhe, was knifed to death allegedly by three men in retaliation for his sharing a post in support of former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma's comments on the Prophet was on the same lines as the dastardly murder of a tailor, Kanhaiya Lal, in Udaipur a week ago. In both cases, suspects who were incensed by the remarks took to violence as a counter to what they perceived as an insult to their religion. The two cases are being probed by the National Investigation Agency. The culprits, those involved in the planning and execution of these murders, must be brought to book and accorded strict punishment for their crimes.

Even as these hate crimes are investigated, it is imperative on the part of the Union and the State governments to quickly reassure citizens on the need for communal amity and that the purveyors of hate speech and those indulging in violence in retaliation will be prosecuted. Justice and the application of the rule of law should not only be seen to be done, but needs to be applied in a fair manner without prejudice for or against specific communities. The Union and State governments should not adopt repressive measures by using enforcement authorities to inflict collective punishment on communities for individual acts of transgression. Political parties of all hues, but especially those in power, must refrain from fanning communal hatred. The unevenness of government actions has resulted in disenchantment among Muslims; the actions of a few criminals among the community have endangered others. It is unmistakable that the developing quagmire is related to the casual bigotry and the callousness of those who were in responsible positions in the BJP. Governments must reorient themselves to the rule of law and to strict adherence to constitutional values as the secular fabric of the country must be preserved at all costs.

Changed equations

England is reshaping Test cricket with offence as the guiding philosophy

The long-drawn Test series involving England and India, which commenced on August 4 last year, concluded with a pulsating climax at Birmingham's Edgbaston on Tuesday. In the fifth Test, England galloped towards the fourth innings target of 378 in just 76.4 overs with centurions Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow building on the momentum gifted by openers Alex Lees and Zak Crawley. The seven-wicket victory helped England draw the series at 2-2 through a comeback that stunned the visitors. Four Tests were played in 2021 when a COVID-19 scare forced the postponement of the fifth match while India led 2-1. The administrators agreed to play the fifth Test after a year and this was an interval like none other. In the intervening period, Russia invaded Ukraine, the pandemic lingered and on the sporting front, both teams evolved. India's coach Ravi Shastri and captain Virat Kohli bowed out and Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma stepped in. In the rival dressing room coach Chris Silverwood and skipper Root stepped aside with Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes being the replacements. Even if Rohit sat out due to COVID-19, under Jasprit Bumrah and thanks to the centuries by Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja, India held the reins in the final Test before an indifferent second innings and marauding England batters altered the script in favour of the host.

McCullum and Stokes have preferred aggression as the solution to help England shed its dormancy. Fourth innings targets would be attempted even if they seem improbable and the opposition will not be given the time to react. New Zealand learnt it the hard way and now it is India's turn. McCullum, the former New Zealand captain, is known for his bludgeoning bat. His 158 for Kolkata Knight Riders against Royal Challengers Bangalore in the maiden Indian Premier League clash at Bengaluru in 2008 turbo-charged the league and put to shade the fireworks that Vijay Mallya had organised as part of the launch. McCullum's method is stunning when he prospers and deflating when he fails. Like he did with an ugly swipe against Mitchell Starc in the 2015 World Cup final which Australia won. For now, his 'Bazball' method is holding England in good stead. That Root and Bairstow, two Yorkshire batters from the land of the obdurate Geoffrey Boycott, have bought into McCullum's philosophy is a pointer to the 'Brave New England's' attempt to change the face of Tests. Meanwhile India, after losing the Test series in South Africa and allowing England to claw back, will have to evaluate its overseas record. The three T20Is and the three ODIs against Old Blighty beckon and in coloured clothes, India will hope to do better.

Words from Bandung to relive in Bali and Delhi

With the Ukraine war shaping the future world order, it is time India brings a balanced outlook to its strategic policy

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Three back-to-back summits in the past fortnight have helped settle the dust on who stands where on the Russian invasion of Ukraine: the BRICS (June 23-24), followed by the G-7 summit (June 26 and 27), and then the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit in Madrid (June 29). Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the BRICS summit virtually, and then travelled to Germany for the G-7 outreach between the seven "most industrialised nations" and the special invitees this year, namely, Argentina, Indonesia, India, Senegal and South Africa. India was not a part of the NATO summit, which included an outreach to the United States's Indo-Pacific treaty allies, i.e., Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

In order to understand what they portend for the future global world order, it is necessary to study the messages sent out by each of these groupings against the backdrop of the situation in Ukraine. Some of the impact will be made clearer this week as India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attends a Foreign Ministers meeting of the G-20, "the world's largest economies", in Bali (July 7-8), and in the next few months, when Indonesia hosts the G-20 summit in November and India takes over the G-20 presidency in December. Most importantly, how can India, that has hitherto managed a careful balancing act between all the groupings, build a movement out of this moment of deep polarisation in the world?

BRICS-G7-NATO

The Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa Summit hosted by Chinese President Xi Jinping in virtual format was significant as it was the first such multilateral grouping Russian President Vladimir Putin attended since February 24, 2022 (the day Ukraine was invaded), and both Mr. Xi and Mr. Putin took aim at the unilateral economic sanctions imposed by the United States and the European Union. The fact that Mr. Modi agreed to join the summit showed India's commitment to BRICS as an alternate grouping of economies spotlighted India's refusal to shun Russia, and agreement to set aside the two-year stand-off with China's People's Liberation Army at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in favour of multilateral meetings such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The BRICS Beijing Declaration was a consensus document, as each member cited differing "National Positions" on the Ukraine issue. However, the BRICS economic initiatives, that Mr. Modi lauded as "practical", contain several challenges to the western-led sanctions regime against Russia. In addition to BRICS's New Development Bank (NDB), that has approved about 17 loans totalling $5 billion for Russian energy and infrastructure projects, the "Contingent Reserve Arrangement" (CRA), and a BRICS Payments Task Force (BPTF) for coordination between their central banks for an alternative to the SWIFT payments system, Mr. Putin also proposed building a global reserve currency based on a "basket of currencies" and trading in local currencies. Russia also committed to providing more oil and coal supplies to BRICS countries, which will no doubt raise red flags in the West, as will the possible admission of countries such as Argentina and Iran that have applied to the BRICS mechanism.

A day after BRICS, Mr. Modi left for the G-7 Summit at Germany's Schloss Elmau, proof, if any was required, of India's flexibility in dealing with both sides of the conflict. In a number of statements, the G-7 (the U.S., the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the European Union) targetted Russia's war in Ukraine and China's economic aggression. However its outreach documents – on "Resilient Democracies" and "Clean and Just Transitions towards Climate Neutrality" – the only ones that India and other invitees signed on to, were devoid of any mentions of either.

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At the NATO meeting, however, there was little sign of any restraint as the group comprising the U.S., Canada and European countries committed to more NATO actions against "Russian aggression". These included, for the first time, a reference to "systemic competition" from China as a challenge to NATO "interests, security and values". The presence of the U.S.'s trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific military allies at one conference sent out a clear message against a perceived Russia-China alliance. The launch of another Indo-Pacific coalition – of "Partners in the Blue Pacific" (PBP), i.e., the U.S., the U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Japan, in addition to last year's Australia-U.K.-U.S. (AUKUS), is another signal of the U.S.'s growing focus on countries that it has military alliances with, against its adversaries. Apart from the Indo-Pacific partners at the summit, there were leaders of the five countries that have applied to join NATO, i.e., Finland, Georgia, Sweden, Ukraine (President Zelensky gave a virtual address), and Bosnia Herzegovina (its Defence Minister attended). The direct message was that NATO would no longer consider Russian sensitivities on the subject of NATO expansion.

India must lead

The outcome of all three summits points to a growing polarisation, even battle lines being drawn, between the Western Atlantic-Pacific axis and the Russia-China combine. So where does this leave India? The Narendra Modi government has committed to a singular strategy, albeit a defensive one, that does not condone Russia for its attacks on Ukraine, but one that does not criticise it either. First, India has joined China as global economies that have most increased their intake of Russian oil, and where India continues to source fertilizer, cement and other commodities from Russia using different means, including even paying in the Chinese Yuan to circumvent sanctions. Second, India is working to diversify its defence purchases from Russia, hostilities with China are high, and a strategic tilt towards the U.S. and Quad partners in the Indo-Pacific is growing. On the multilateral stage, too, India remains a balancing voice in the room: along with Brazil and South Africa, India ensured that the BRICS Beijing declaration did not carry the Russian position on the Ukraine war or any criticism of the West, while making certain with other partners of the global South that the G-7 outreach documents carried no criticism of Russia and China.

This perilous tightrope walk, however, is unlikely to suffice as a long-term strategy. It is time for New Delhi to seize the moment for leadership in a world that is becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the growing polarisation and the disruption due to the Ukraine war. India is not alone. In Germany, Mr. Modi found common cause on this with the Indonesian President, Joko Widodo, who is trying ensure that both sides of the world attend the G-20 summit he will host in Bali in November, amid growing worries that leaders of at least nine member countries (Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the U.K., the U.S., as well as the European Union) could stay away from sessions where Mr. Putin speaks. As the next President of the G-20, Mr. Modi also must shoulder the burden of ensuring that the G-20 stays together, and reassuring those worried by the brinkmanship of the West on one side and Russia and China on the other.

Gather the like-minded

These countries are more numerous than one can imagine. At the United Nations General Assembly, for example, a majority of 141 countries voted to castigate Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, but much fewer, only 93, voted to oust Russia from the Human Rights Council. Even more significantly, only 40 countries joined the U.S. and Europe-led sanctions regime against Russia. This represents a large pool of independently-minded countries that do not see it in their own national interest to blandly choose one side over another. Instead of abstaining on every vote or being defensive about sanctions, therefore, India's national interests would be better served by building a community of those like-minded countries (from South America to Africa, the Gulf to South Asia and to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), who cannot afford the hostilities, and want to avoid the possibility of a global war at all costs. Like Mr. Widodo, who flew from Germany to Kyiv and Moscow to talk to Mr. Zelensky and Mr. Putin, Mr. Modi is amongst the few leaders today still able to speak to both sides. The group of those who can urge for sanity to prevail must grow.

Words that matter

In 1955, it was in such a similar moment that India took leadership of (along with countries such as Indonesia and Egypt at the Asian-African Conference of 29 newly independent nations, at Bandung), a conference that eventually led to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). "If all the world were to be divided up between these two big blocs what would be the result?" asked Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru at Bandung. "The inevitable result would be war. Therefore, every step that takes place in reducing that area in the world which may be called the unaligned area is a dangerous step and leads to war. It reduces that objective, that balance, that outlook which other countries without military might can perhaps exercise."

While the Narendra Modi government has shown little interest in NAM or even in Nehruvian thought, it may be necessary to reconsider Nehru's words in a world fraught with danger nearly 70 years later. This is the time to rethink India's role in "growing the unaligned area" and bringing the "objective and balanced" outlook Nehru spoke of, to the forefront of India's strategic policy, by channelling that thought from Bandung, to Bali and Delhi this year.

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A 'no' to pharma freebies, a 'yes' for public good

The recent Supreme Court judgment should be applied to other unethical practices and expenditure out of public funds

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The judgment by a two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court of India in *M/s Apex Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. vs Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Large Tax Payer Unit-II*, on February 22, 2022 has struck a blow for public good.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justice S. Ravindra Bhat dismissed the Special Leave Petition by Apex Laboratories to claim deduction on freebies given to doctors. Upholding a decision by the Madras High Court, the Bench said that the act of pharmaceutical companies giving freebies to doctors is clearly 'prohibited by the law'. Further, it cannot be claimed as a deduction under Section 37(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

The judgment will go a long way in checking unethical and illegal practices in the pharma sector which has become so out of reach for the common man.

A case of misuse

Repelling the contention of the company by S. Ganesh, Senior Counsel, Justice Ravindra Bhat said that pharmaceutical companies have misused a legislative gap to actively perpetuate the commission of an offence of giving freebies to doctors to promote their brands, even though this was prohibited in the law framed by the Medical Council of India (MCI). In the said case, the company was giving out freebies to doctors in order for them to create awareness about a health supplement it was manufacturing called Zincovit.

The judge said that in the process of interpretation of the law, it is the responsibility of the court to discern the social purpose which the specific provision subserves. The judgment said: "Thus, pharmaceutical companies' gifting freebies to doctors, etc. is clearly 'prohibited by law' and not allowed to be claimed as a deduction under Section 37(1). Doing so would wholly undermine public policy. The well-established principle of interpretation of taxing statutes – that they need to be interpreted strictly – cannot sustain when it results in an absurdity contrary to the intentions of the Parliament."

Upholding the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) circular dated August 1, 2012, and applying it to the case, the Court also cited and relied upon Regulation 6.8 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 framed under the Medical Council Act, 1956, now repealed and substituted by the National Medical Commission Act, 2019. The Court also highlighted *Quereshi* (2007) 2 SCC 759 and *Commissioner Of Income Tax vs Khemchand Motilal Jain* to show that the assessee was not a wilful participant in any offence or illegal activity prohibited by law.

While overruling the Income Tax Tribunal's view in the case of *PHL Pharma* (2017) and *Max Hospital* (2014) ILR 1 P. 620, the Court held that Regulations 2002 did apply to pharma companies also. Further, they could not be allowed to perpetuate the illegality of violations of norms by doctors. Invoking the principle of implied condition, the Court relied on the precedents in the case of *P.V. Narasimha Rao* (1998) 4 SCC 626 under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and *Jamal Uddin Ahmad* (2003) 4 SCC 257 under the Representation of the People Act.

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Laying emphasis on the fiduciary relationship between doctor and patient, the Court noted that a doctor's prescription is considered as the final word on medication by the patient even if the cost of such medication is unaffordable. In a situation where such trust is reposed in doctors, having prescriptions manipulated by the lure of freebies is immoral. The Court was conscious that the cost of such freebies is factored in the cost of medicines sold, in turn driving up their prices and perpetuating a publicly injurious cycle. This fact was taken note of by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in its 45th report, dated August 4, 2010.

In the U.S.

In its elaborate judgment, the Court also took note of a report issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office called "Savings Available Under Full Generic Substitution of Multiple Source Brand Drugs in Medicare Part D" dated July 23, 2018. Here, it was stated that the beneficiaries could have saved over $600 million in out-of-pocket payments had they been dispensed generic equivalent drugs. In a previous study by ProPublica titled "Dollars for Doctors: Now There is Proof: Docs who get Company Cash Tend to Prescribe Brand Name Meds" dated March 17, 2016 also, similar feelings were echoed. In the U.S., by the reason of the Physician Payments Sunshine Act 2010 also known as Section 6002 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010, the law compels the manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologic and medical supplies to report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, on three broad categories of payments or transfers of value such as meals, travel reimbursements and consulting fees. These include expenses borne by manufacturers such as speaker fees, travel, gifts, honoraria, entertainment, charitable contribution, education, grants and research grants, etc.

The issue of retail price

Obviously, the uncovered field in this judgment – and it was not the controversy in hand before the Court – is the sale of medicines at Maximum Retail Price, or MRP. This is a scam and a case of underhand dealing that happens in the pharma world (the giving away of freebies is a smaller part of it) because drugs are invariably sold in pharmacist shops at MRP only. This is what affects medical treatment. Even though the Drug Price Control Order and Drugs and Cosmetics Act are there on the statute book, there is hardly any action to keep the sale price of medicines under control with due and proper investigation into their so-called research and development costs and keeping their profit margins within a prescribed limit.

One fails to understand why the law cannot be amended to compel the manufacturer of drugs to sell at the verified genuine cost, that also factors in a reasonable profit margin for each product by bringing manufacturers, both foreign or domestic, under the control of the MCI or any other equivalent body such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This must be at a uniform rate throughout the country; further, classified life saving drugs should be sold at cost only or even at subsidised rates.

Nobody is against the pharma industry earning a reasonable profit. But there is an urgent need to check looting that is driven by drug manufacturers to distribute their products using freebies or 'bribes'.

Further application

This judgment can also go far. It should be debated and applied to other unethical practices and expenditure out of public funds. The strategy here should be to use financial tools such as income-tax provisions for disallowing such expenditure and taxing the same as perquisites or taxable income in the hands of recipients *viz.* assurances and declarations in election campaigns by political parties by giving away free laptops, waived electricity charges, food grains, loan waivers, etc. It is taxpayers money that is being used to garner votes.

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Law guardians, politics

When the police, who are supposed to be protectors of the law, themselves turn perpetrators, very possibly on instructions from the top political hierarchy, it provides a fertile ground for anarchy to spread and for the truth to be blurred. The face-off between the police from Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh and BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh over the arrest of a TV anchor wanted in connection with a fake video case involving a political leader from the Opposition has once again exposed the sordid underbelly of Indian politics. It is time the political roulette ends and the law is allowed to take its course.

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The next State

The recent 'transfer of power' in Maharashtra is perhaps the next template in Indian democracy. It is not surprising, therefore, that the focus has turned to Tamil Nadu, where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Tamil Nadu president has a wish of the 'Maharashtra model' being replicated in the southern State soon ('Tamil Nadu', "T.N. Cabinet waiting for an Eknath Shinde", July 6). Even if the vast majority of people in Tamil Nadu have snubbed the BJP electorally, it appears that the party is even more determined to capture power in the State by hook or by crook. One hopes the ruling party is vigilant and aware of the early warning signals emerging from the BJP camp.

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Taking stock of five years of GST

Findings show that it has lowered inflation of food items and raised inflation of non-food items

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For non-exempted food and beverages, implementation of GST is found to have a negative impact of 4.42% on price levels. •GETTY IMAGES

The monumental indirect tax reform, the Goods and Services Tax (GST), has completed five years in existence. Before the implementation, it was said that it would be a boon to the economy in terms of higher revenue buoyancy, lower inflation, higher revenue, higher growth, and so on. On the completion of GST's five years, it makes sense to ask what happened to inflation.

During the 12 months preceding GST implementation, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation was 3.66%, while it increased to 4.24% post-GST in the next 12 months. However, India is not alone in witnessing higher inflation. A similar pattern was observed in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. An Australian Competition and Consumer Commission study showed that GST initially increases inflation.

Based on the actual inflation numbers, one can conclude that GST had an inflationary impact on India. But this is not the correct approach to understand whether GST raised inflation in India. Before we systematically examine this issue, let us understand how GST can affect prices.

Understanding the mechanism

In theory, implementing GST should not lead to a change in overall inflation. The revenue-neutral rate (RNR) is calculated so that it would not cause higher inflation. But revenue neutrality does not mean that prices would not go up or down in the economy. This is because the weight of goods in the consumption basket and their contributions to indirect tax collections are not the same. For example, food and drinks (which comprise 46% of the CPI index), rent, and clothing are all significant parts of the CPI basket that are either not taxed or taxed at low rates.

Importantly, the effect of GST on the prices of certain goods and services depends on the structure and design of taxation, such as the level of exemptions, the rate structure of GST, the weight of goods and services in the CPI basket, the tax base, the efficiency of the administrative machinery, and so on.

The RBI, in a 2017 report, showed that about half of the groups of items that GST covers are not in the CPI basket. This study found headline inflation might rise by ten basis points only. So, the effect of GST on prices was expected to be small. Finally, prior to the GST implementation, it was expected that prices would go down because GST harmonises indirect tax rates and eliminates the cascading effect. Thus, whether GST has any effect depends on how different factors affect each other.

So, how can we ascertain whether GST has had an inflationary impact in India? To answer this, we turn to statistical modelling, which will give us a precise and neat estimate of the causal impact of an intervention. In a nutshell, this model uses pre-intervention data (before July 2017) to train the data to estimate the counterfactual estimates of inflation. A counterfactual estimate is nothing but an estimate of inflation if the intervention (in this case, GST) had not occurred. Then the causal estimate would be the difference between the actual and the counterfactual trends. The outcome variable chosen is retail inflation (CPI).

Our statistical results provide us with an interesting picture of the impact of GST on price levels. First, we look into the overall price index (CPI). Here, the actual CPI growth in the study period is 4.61%, whereas the counterfactual estimate of inflation is 3.24%. This implies that without the GST implementation, the CPI inflation would have been 3.24%. This indicates that with the implementation of GST, CPI increased by 1.37 percentage points (pp). Second, we also find that CPI core inflation (which strips off volatile components such as food and fuel from the headline inflation) increased by 1.04pp in the post-GST period (actual inflation was 4.57%, counterfactual inflation was 3.53%).

Third, GST is found to have a significant positive impact on inflation of commodity groups such as paan, tobacco and intoxicants, clothing and footwear, housing, and miscellaneous sectors (mainly consisting of services).

In the case of non-exempted food and beverages, implementation of GST is found to have a negative impact of 4.42% on price levels.

Rise in inflation post GST

The rise in inflation post-GST implementation could be due to the rise in the tax rate of some goods and services, the inclusion of business activities that were not taxed earlier, or the market structure. The average weighted GST rate was designed to be neutral, so it might not have contributed much to the observed higher inflation. Coverage of business activities under GST not taxed earlier would result in higher prices since the firms would pass on the cost to the consumers. Although the informal sector suffered following GST implementation, many firms have jumped to the tax net to take advantage of input tax credit and escape from the punishing reverse charge mechanism.

There is another possibility which would cause higher inflation after the GST implementation. Textbook microeconomics teaches us that market competition leads to lower prices. And when market power increases, prices increase, and profit follows. As Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz opined, rising market power is bad for the economy as it raises economic inefficiency and lowers the economy's resiliency. Further, taking advantage of market power, it is possible that most firms would have passed the taxes to end consumers, resulting in a cost-push inflationary impact of the GST.

Our statistical exercises provide conclusive proof that GST implementation has had an inflationary impact on the Indian economy. Let us recall that prices of petroleum products increased significantly, which might have contributed to the rise in CPI after the GST implementation.

To summarise, our statistical results suggest that GST implementation has resulted in a decrease in inflation of food items and raised inflation of non-food items such as CPI, paan, tobacco and intoxicants, clothing and footwear, housing, miscellaneous, and non-exempted food and beverages.

Our analysis suggests that prior to GST implementation, market concentration measured by various indicators was rising, suggesting an oligopolistic market structure. This determines whether the benefits of GST are passed down to the consumers or not. However, withpa the existence of market power, firms' price includes a significant mark-up over marginal costs. Our results point out the possibility of profiteering in select segments after GST. To pre-empt this possibility, the government set up National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) to ensure companies did not use GST as an excuse to raise prices.

Our findings suggest that NAA should monitor the prices of critical or essential goods and services to see the price impact of GST. Similarly, the Competition Commission of India should observe anti-competitive producer behaviour that hurts consumers via excessive price increases. These measures may ensure that producers do not take advantage of the GST.

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India-EU: global dynamics

Recent progress in the alliance opens up prospects of a customised partnership and mutual growth

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With carbon neutrality being the byword to a sustainable world, a host of countries – Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Japan, Germany, Canada, Costa Rica, the United States, Brazil, India, and China among others – have set for themselves net-zero targets for the middle and later part of the century.

At the forefront of the commitment to net-zero is the European Union, which wants to be the first carbon-neutral region in the world by 2050. It brought out the 'European Union Green Deal' in July last year to focus on a new growth strategy that aims to transform the EU society into a fair and wealthy one with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy.

CBAM: carbon-pricing system

To attain carbon neutrality, the EU has set forth immediate targets and has brought out the 'Fit-for-55' package, a communication of its 2030 climate targets. A provision in the policy plan is the introduction of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), a carbon-pricing system proposed for imports into the EU. The CBAM suggests taxing the imported goods-based difference between carbon used in the production of domestic and imported goods.

Proposed to be complementary to the EU Emission Trading Scheme (EUETS), during the transition phase of CBAM – beginning January 1, 2023 – importers will only have to report emissions embedded in the production of goods and are not obliged to pay a financial penalty. The CBAM, however, will come completely into force from January 1, 2026 and the measure will see a gradual reduction of free EUETS allowance coverage of 10 percentage points per year and a complete phase-out by 2035. In the initial phase, five CITE (Carbon Intensive and Trade Exposed) sectors such as iron and steel, aluminium, cement, fertilizers and electricity will be taxed under CBAM.

The EU claims that CBAM is intended to reduce carbon leakage, create a level playfield for EU producers and encourage producers in other countries to adopt cleaner technologies. But several discussions have cropped up around CBAM. Developing countries have raised their concern on the legality of CBAM pointing out its conflict with World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) norms, and are afraid that it encourages protectionism.

History provides several instances of conflict between domestic restrictive policies stating environmental concern and trade openness such as the Shrimp-Turtle Case and *Air Transport Association of America vs Energy Secretary Case for Energy and Climate Change*. Rulings in these cases have been in favour of environmental laws, proving that the ongoing debate is a continuation of pre-existing issues and, in the past, environment concerns have outweighed those related to trade.

Developing countries also flag the use of revenue collected from CBAM. According to the EU, revenue collected from CBAM will be a part of the EU's budget, the NextGenerationEU, a recent initiative launched to provide economic support to EU member countries impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Countries opposing the proposed revenue utilisation mechanism suggest that if CBAM is to be implemented, revenue collected from it should be used for cleaner technology adoption in developing countries.

India and the EU share a healthy trade relationship. The EU is India's third largest trading partner, while India is EU's 11th largest trading partner. In 2019-20, India-EU trade accounted for ₹63.8 billion (11.1% of total Indian trade) in goods, while a total of 1.9% of EU's total trade in goods in 2020 came to India. India exports almost 14% of its global exports to the EU.

Progressive steps

Recently, there has been increasing initiative from both sides to deepen engagement with each other. Talks on India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) that were stalled a while ago have picked up again and are scheduled to take place in June. The target to finalise the Free Trade Agreement has been set for 2023-24.

Both India and the EU are committed to climate change, and the recent progress in India-EU alliance opens prospects of a customised partnership and mutual growth. Rather than tax on exports to EU as proposed in CBAM, India and EU can cooperate better by investing in cleaner and greener technologies in India and helping in cleaning up production in India. Such a partnership will ensure that both India and the EU have their agendas of economic growth and sustainability fulfilled, a win-win situation for both entities.

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STATE OF PLAY

Deepening political faultlines

CPI(M), Congress are engaged in a hostile war of words inside and outside the Legislative Assembly

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The attack on the office of Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi by the Students Federation of India (SFI), the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI-M]'s student wing, has put the parent party in a tight spot and provided ammunition for the Congress leadership to put the ruling front in the dock. The incident triggered a spate of attacks and counter attacks on party offices across Kerala.

Mr. Gandhi, during his three-day tour of Wayanad, his parliamentary constituency, endorsed the allegation of Congress leaders that the CPI (M) had joined hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He observed that Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation had failed to question Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in the diplomatic gold smuggling case that had rocked the previous Left Democratic Front regime while he was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for five days.

Besides launching a broadside against the BJP, Mr. Gandhi also asked the Kerala Chief Minister to come clear on the issue of the one-km Eco-Sensitive Zone around all wildlife sanctuaries and national parks following the Supreme Court order on June 3.

In fact, the SFI workers had carried out the attack, alleging that Mr. Gandhi failed to act on the issue. But Mr. Gandhi later produced evidence that he had already written to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister seeking their intervention to exclude human settlements from the buffer zone.

With the attack on Mr. Gandhi's office providing a trigger for the Congress-led United Democratic Front to step up its campaign against the CPI (M), the ruling party condemned the incident and the police subsequently arrested 29 SFI activists.

But just when the damage control exercise seemed to have succeeded in bringing down the political temperature, the crude bomb attack on the AKG Centre, the CPI(M) State headquarters last week, gave rise to a fresh round of turmoil in the State. With the Opposition accusing the CPI (M) of carrying out the attack to divert public attention and the police still groping in the dark to trace the culprit, the CPI(M) leadership and the Chief Minister, who handles the Home portfolio, are left to face uncomfortable questions in the Assembly and outside.

The two incidents portend a further intensification of rivalry between the ruling CPI(M) and the Congress in Kerala. The attack on Mr. Gandhi's office happened when the CPI(M) leadership has been pondering the role of Congress in the national political arena and its part in forging a non-BJP political alliance. The timing of the attack also seemed to have exposed the vulnerabilities in the non-BJP camp when the country is preparing for presidential polls this month.

The Congress leadership in Kerala would never have imagined the political mileage it derived in recent times from the attack on Mr. Gandhi's office. Otherwise, it feels that the BJP, with its ambitious Central leadership, will leave no opportunity to occupy the Opposition space in the State , which is witnessing a paradigm shift with religion frighteningly progressing into politics.

Amid an increasingly hostile war of words between the CPI(M) and Congress leaders inside and outside the Legislative Assembly over the attack on the AKG Centre, the politically conscious citizenry is completely baffled over the unexplained occurrence when police stood guard outside the centre.

While the Home department definitely needs to get its act together, political parties and their feeder outfits should ensure practising a healthy political culture without resorting to hooliganism and violence.

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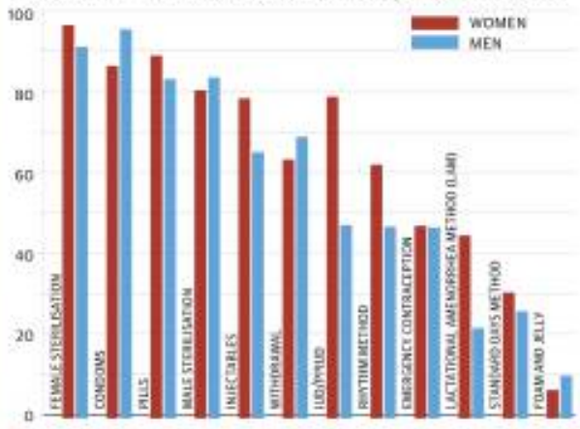
DATA POINT

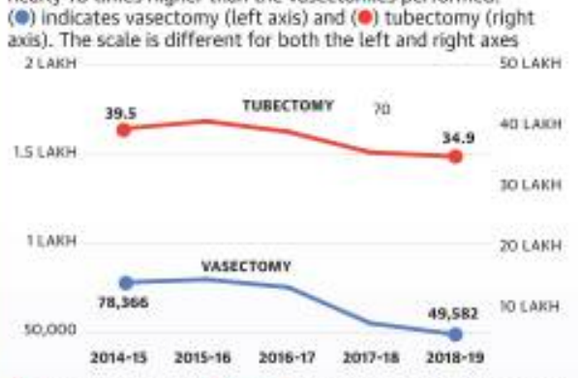
Bearing the burden

Awareness of family planning and contraception methods have seen an increase, according to NFHS-5. The use of modern contraceptive methods is widespread, with 97% of women and 97.5% of men knowing at least one modern method. Still, the burden of this responsibility mostly falls on women, with female sterilisations being the most common form of contraception. Tubectomies (female sterilisation method) are performed about 10 times more than vasectomies (male sterilisation method). This can be tied to the fact than over one-third of men believe that women should handle contraception. The unmet need for family planning methods by women has decreased from 13% in NFHS-4 to 9% in NFHS-5. But the data also shows that 24% of women don't find family planning necessary. Further, the knowledge of contraception is not fully bridging the gap in women's family planning need. A trend seen across States.
By **Rebecca Rose Varghese** and **Sonikka Loganathan**

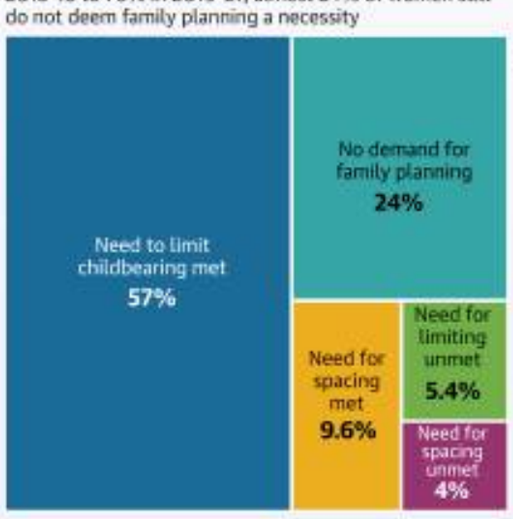
1 | Knowing your options | The chart shows the awareness of select contraception among men and women in India. Both genders are knowledgeable about female sterilisation and condoms with more than 85% of them being aware of the two



2 | Tied up | The chart shows the number of vasectomies (surgical procedure for male sterilisation) and tubectomies (surgical procedure for female sterilisation) performed in India between 2014 and 2019. Tubectomies performed every year is nearly 10 times higher than the vasectomies performed. (●) indicates vasectomy (left axis) and (●) tubectomy (right axis). The scale is different for both the left and right axes



3 | Still not enough | The chart shows the total demand for family planning among married women in India. Though the demand has increased from 66% in 2015-16 to 76% in 2019-21, almost 24% of women still do not deem family planning a necessity



4 | State of unmet demand | The chart shows the share of demand for family planning among women in different States/U.T.s and the share of the demand unmet. While the demand for family planning is 76.1% in India, 9.4% of the demand is unmet

**Proportion of healthy women, who want to postpone or stop childbearing altogether, but are not using contraceptive methods or have/had mistimed or unwanted pregnancy*

SOURCE: NFHS-5, MOHFW

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 7, 1972

Indian ocean as peace zone

Colombo, July 6: China has expressed its 'resolute support' for Sri Lanka's 'just proposition' to keep the Indian Ocean a peace zone. A joint communique on the 11-day visit of Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, released simultaneously in Peking and Colombo to-day, contained the Chinese support to the proposal adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December last year and added that the proposal "reflects the urgent desire of Afro-Asian countries to safeguard the national independence and State sovereignty and to oppose aggression and expansion of super powers." In the communique, both countries "expressed their concern over the present situation in the South-Asian sub-continent and reiterated that outstanding issues in the region should be settled through peaceful negotiations on principled basis of complete equality, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and mutual benefit and accommodation and without resorting to the use of threat of force." Mrs. Bandaranaike said the Chinese Premier Mr. Chou En-lai, in their "friendly, cordial and candid" talks during the visit also noted "that co-operation between the two Governments and people had expanded and advanced over a wide spectrum of areas including political, economic trade as well as in the fields of culture and sports." The joint communique also announced the Chinese government's decision to provide Sri Lanka with long-term interest-free loans but it did not disclose the loan amount.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 7, 1922

Preventive measures

Bombay: Sunni Anjuman Islam recently submitted a memorial to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, calling his attention to the increase in crime in Bombay city and to the late frequent changes in the office of the Commissioner of Police. The Government has sent a reply which says the desirability of maintaining continuity in the office of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay is fully recognised by the government. The cost involves very severe mental and physical strain and of four changes in the appointment during the last three years, three were due to the officers concerned having to vacate owing to ill health. In the fourth case, the officer concerned was promoted to the post of Inspector-General of Police.

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SpiceJet gets DGCA notice for safety lapses

"Whereas the reported incidents on aircraft operated by M/s SpiceJet Ltd from 1st April 2022 till date have been reviewed and it has been observed that at a number of occasions, the aircraft either turned back to its originating station or continued landing to the destination with degraded safety margins," says the notice issued by Sanit Kumar, Director, Air Safety, Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

"Whereas, a financial assessment carried out by DGCA in September, 2021, has also revealed that airline is operating on cash and carry, and suppliers/ approved vendors are not being paid on regular basis leading to a shortage of spares and frequent invoking of MELs [minimum equipment list]," the notice said.

The airline incurred a loss of ₹998 crore in the financial year 2020-2021. An MEL is a document an airline seeks from a regulator to seek relief when all equipment on an aircraft is not operative.

In an implicit warning to the airline, the DGCA also said that the airline's permit to operate commercial flights was valid only till May 2023.

Aviation safety expert Mohan Ranganathan however has cautioned that a three-week notice period may be "too long a rope during monsoons".

Raipur Police declare TV anchor an absconder

Earlier, an official release of the Gautam Buddha Nagar Police said a team brought Mr. Ranjan from his Ghaziabad residence to Noida in connection with an FIR filed in the Sector 20 police station under Section 505 (2). "After interrogation, Mr. Ranjan was arrested on the basis of evidence. As it was a bailable offence, he was released on bail," the release said.

This was the Uttar Pradesh Police's first official statement after a team whisked Mr. Ranjan away from his Ghaziabad residence on Tuesday morning, leaving the Chhattisgarh Police stranded. The Raipur Police had a non-bailable warrant against Mr. Ranjan.

Mr. Dehar said the Noida Police should have told them when they granted bail to Mr. Ranjan.

AIADMK council can decide on leadership: SC

Staying the "operation and effect" of the June 23 High Court order, the Supreme Court said "who wants to do what or intends to do what in a General Council meeting of a party is essentially a matter within that party or compact... Can the court extend its jurisdiction to order what decision should or should not be taken in a General Council meeting?"

The parties [litigants concerned] are, however, free to approach the Single Judge of the High Court, who is examining civil suits related to the issue, for interim relief.

Senior advocate Venugopala Gowda, appeared for Natham Vishwanathan (supporter of E. Palaniswami). Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra represented P. Benjamin (Palaniswami camp).

On the respondent side, senior advocate Maninder Singh, for M. Shanmugam (another party functionary), countered that the "dual leadership" methodology between Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami had worked "without any difficulty for the past five years" and now the latter wanted to unilaterally preside over the entire party. Senior advocate Guru Krishnakumar, for Mr. Panneerselvam, argued that though the issue pertained to within party, the violation of its bylaws would attract judicial intervention.

Kerala Culture Minister Saji Cherian quits

"I am resigning of my own volition. I felt my continuation as Minister would impede any free and fair inquiry. I submitted my resignation to CM Pinarayi Vijayan," Mr. Cherian said.

The Raj Bhavan later tweeted: "Hon'ble Governor Shri Arif Mohammed Khan has approved the proposal of Chief Minister to accept the resignation of Shri Saji Cherian, Minister, Fisheries, Culture & Youth Affairs and to allot the portfolios held by Sri Saji Cherian to Chief Minister."

Mr. Cherian said the news clipping that showed him "belittling" the Constitution at a party meeting on July 23 was heavily edited and barely three minutes long. "I spoke for an hour. It was never my intent to denigrate the Constitution. I had merely said social justice and welfare remained a distant dream for the masses despite Constitutional guarantees. It was a political statement delivered in rustic Malayalam," he said.

Mahua faces FIR in Bhopal for remarks

The Crime Branch of the Madhya Pradesh Police has registered an FIR against the MP under Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code (outraging religious feelings), an official said in Bhopal.

"Ms. Moitra's statement has hurt the religious feelings of Hindus. We will not tolerate disrespect to any Hindu gods and goddesses at any cost," Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. The FIR was registered on the complaint of a local tea seller, the police said.

However, the MP, in a series of tweets, said she was not afraid of anything. "Bring it on BJP! Am a Kali worshipper. I am not afraid of anything. Not your ignoramuses. Not your goons. Not your police. And most certainly not your trolls. Truth doesn't need back up forces," Ms. Moitra tweeted.

Ms. Moitra, while participating in a conclave arranged by a media house in Kolkata on Tuesday had pointed out a "version of the Goddess" to which her party immediately reacted by not only distancing itself from the remark but also condemning it.

"Kali to me is meat eating... Alcohol accepting Goddess. To me, that is a version of Kali," Ms. Moitra had said.

(With PTI inputs)

Two militants surrender in Kulgam

They were part of a recently recruited module of Lashkar-e-Taiba, say police

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Two newly recruited militants were made to surrender during an encounter in Kulgam of south Kashmir on Wednesday. The action was hailed by Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti.

The duo, identified as Kafeel Ahmad Mir from Mirpora of Qaimoh and Nadeem Abbas Bhat from Reshipora in Qaimoh, were encircled by a joint team of the security forces, including the police and the Army, around 1 a.m. in Hadigam village, Kulgam. Around 2.30 a.m., the search party came under fire from the hiding militants.

"As the identity of the trapped terrorists got ascertained, the joint team showed utmost restraint and provided the trapped terrorists an opportunity to surrender. Their family members were called to the encounter site to persuade them to surrender. After repeated surrender appeals made by their parents, police and security forces, both the trapped terrorists finally surrendered," the police said.

An Army spokesman said both the militants surrendered after the morning prayers. "Incriminating material, including arms and ammunition and other war-like substances, have been recovered from their possession. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," the police said.

Locked and loaded: Police and CRPF personnel conducting a search operation in the Prem Nagar area of Jammu on Wednesday. •PTI

According to the police, the terrorists were part of a recently recruited module of the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"These youth were brainwashed and tasked to carry out anti-national activities and killings at the behest of the LeT," the police said.

Inspector-General of Police Vijay Kumar appealed to the parents to keep a strict vigil on their wards to prevent them from indulging in any anti-national activities, especially joining the terror ranks.

"If every parent persuades and appeals to their terrorist sons to shun the path of violence, be it soon after joining terror ranks or during the time they are trapped during live encounters, many lives can be saved as two lives were saved in today's encounter," Mr. Kumar said.

Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti also praised the security forces.

"Two lives saved thanks to the efforts of their families and the support extended by security forces. These kind of efforts must be continued so that youngsters who join militancy are given a second chance to live their lives," she said.

China hopes for fair probe in Vivo case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIJING

China on Wednesday expressed hope that India will conduct the ongoing investigations into the Chinese mobile manufacturer firm Vivo in accordance with the law and regulations and provide a " truly fair" and "non-discriminatory" business environment to China's firms.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that the Chinese side is closely following the developments on this matter.

In New Delhi, the spokesman of the Chinese embassy said that the frequent investigations not only disrupt their normal business activities and damage their goodwill but also affect the confidence of market entities from other countries.

Bihar CM visits Lalu Prasad in hospital

The RJD leader was later taken to Delhi by air ambulance for treatment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday reached a private hospital in Patna to meet Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad, 74, who had been admitted to the intensive care unit for health complications following a fractured shoulder.

"There seems to be some improvement in Laluji's condition since he has been admitted in the hospital but it would be proper if he is taken to Delhi for better treatment. I pray for his speedy recovery," the Chief Minister told presspersons. "We have known each other since we were young," he added.

The ailing Mr. Prasad later left for Delhi on an air ambulance.

Mr. Prasad's younger son and Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, told presspersons that his father's condition was stable but they would be taking him to Delhi for further treatment. "Condition of Lalu Prasadji is stable now. Everybody knows about his kidney and heart issues, for which treatment was going on in Delhi, and the doctors there know his medical history well, so we are taking him to Delhi," Mr. Yadav said.

Enquiring after: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with RJD chief Lalu Prasad at Paras Hospital in Patna. •PTI

He also appealed to party leaders and workers to pray for their leader's good health from their own house. "It is because of your prayer and wishes that he is stable now. We had also planned to take him to Singapore for kidney issues but that will be done after doctor's advice in Delhi," Mr. Yadav said.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, and others, had enquired about his father's health, Mr. Yadav said.

On July 4, Mr. Prasad, a former Bihar Chief Minister and political titan in the State, was admitted to hospital after he fell down the stairs in his home and had a minor fracture to his right shoulder, following which his health deteriorated. He was brought to the hospital by his family members at night and admitted to the ICU.

After being convicted in several fodder scam cases, Mr. Prasad is currently out of jail on bail.

Domestic LPG price up by ₹50

Compared to last year, the hike for households in Delhi is over ₹218 per cylinder

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Households will now have to spend more on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), as national oil marketing companies increased the price of the 14.2-kg cylinder by ₹50, with effect from July 6.

The third revision in two months, including one to factor in increase in LPG distributor commission, is bound to compound the misery of households grappling with runaway inflation and rising prices of various commodities and daily-use items.

With the latest increase in the price of non-subsidised (14.2 kg) cylinder, households in Delhi need to pay ₹1,053 as against ₹1,003. The new price in Mumbai is ₹1,052.50 (₹1,002.50), Chennai ₹1,068.50 (₹.1,018.50) and Kolkata ₹1,079.00 (₹1,029).

Heavy burden: A woman carries a domestic LPG cylinder to her residence in Vijayawada. •G.N.RAO

Prices vary across cities and in Hyderabad has raced past the ₹1,100 mark. As against ₹1,055 they paid since May 19, households in Telangana's capital will have to shell out ₹1,105 per cylinder now. Condemning the increase, consumer activist T. Sadagopan in Chennai said it imposes an additional financial burden on households reeling under price rise. The timing could not be worse as floods are causing havoc in many parts of the country thus impacting supplies of LPG cylinders to many households.

Barring those issued LPG connections under Centre's Ujjwala scheme, almost all other households are ineligible or get a small sum as cooking gas subsidy. What this means is even for the first 12 subsidised cylinders they order in a year, most households pay the non-subsidised price.

Domestic LPG prices are influenced by crude oil prices in international markets. The increase was necessitated in view of "under-recovery" on LPG or in other words, the retail selling price not in tandem with that of crude oil, sources in oil industry say. An office-bearer of an all-India LPG distributors body said the increase in cooking gas prices for households is still insufficient to cover the under-recoveries of the oil companies.

Non-subsidised cylinder prices were increased first time this year in March by ₹50 per refill, followed by ₹50 more on May 7.

Compared to the price a year ago, the increase for households in Delhi is over ₹218 per cylinder - in July 2021 the price was ₹834.50. The hike comes on the heels of the oil firms increasing security deposit of new connections.

Govt. running bulldozer on household budget: Cong.

It is mismanaging the economy: Rahul

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The Narendra Modi government is running bulldozer on people's budget with the ₹50 hike in the price of LPG cylinders, the Congress said on Wednesday even as the party's former chief Rahul Gandhi accused the government of managing headlines and mismanaging the economy.

Separately, the All India Mahila Congress, in a tweet, asked if this was the cost for toppling the Maharashtra government.

Mr. Gandhi noted that the BJP earlier used to propagate [*prachar*] that the currency of a country goes down if it has a corrupt government. But now, he said, "Indian Rupee slips to ₹79.36 hitting record low" which is an "attack" [*prahar*] on the common man.

On the employment front, Mr. Gandhi noted that the claim was to create two crore jobs every year but India lost 1.3 crore jobs in June.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh tweeted, "Despite international prices of crude coming down in international market, the government is going on increasing domestic gas prices ... The government is running bulldozer on people's Budget."

At a press conference at the Congress headquarters, party spokesperson Ragini Nayak said that under the Modi government, it is a surprise "if the prices of petrol and diesel do not increase and people's back is not broken due to inflation".

"The biggest achievement of Prime Minister Modi is that he has been successful in deceiving the country," she said.

Farmers' group affiliated to RSS criticises Centre's farm policies

Exim policy for agricultural produce should be in farmers' interests, says Bharatiya Kisan Sangh

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), the farmers' group of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), criticised the Centre's export and import policies. The BKS urged the government to frame long-term export and import policies that are in the interests of farmers.

The BKS, which held a meeting of its all-India managing committee in Raipur last week, said it was being seen in the past few years that whenever a crop is on the verge of harvest, the Ministry of Commerce ordered its import. The BKS also said that the Ministry either reduced or even waived off import duty, which further adversely affected farmers, especially growers of onions, edible oils, and pulses.

Direct loss

"Similarly, whenever there is additional production of any crop, the government simultaneously imposes a sudden ban on export. This has been observed time and again. By doing so, the Ministry of Commerce not only causes a direct loss to farmers but keeps national interest also at stake. Because, in the event of import, foreign exchange is spent unnecessarily," the BKS said.

The farmers' body added that due to poor policies, market prices of crops fall and farmers don't sow the crop in the next season. This leads to low production and increases the country's dependence on imports.

The BKS said that the estimated and actual figures on the area under cultivation and the production of all crops is available with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. "But the Ministry of Commerce finds it disgraceful to take these data/figures from the Agriculture Ministry. As a result, import and export are either allowed or banned without any valid reason. It makes us believe that this type of malicious act is specifically aimed to harm farmers' interests," the BKS said.

The BKS committee proposed that the Ministry of Commerce should frame a far-sighted plan in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture so as to ascertain there's enough production of items being imported and the country becomes self-reliant, which would have a significant bearing, especially on the production of edible oils and pulses. For this, special incentives should be given for growing edible oilseed crops, the BKS said.

"The quantum of export or import must be based on the data/records provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and there must be a clear-cut provision in the policy to determine the required quantity of import. Apart from this, free export of additional (surplus) quantity of produce should be allowed. Policy to this effect should be framed," the BKS said.

It also demanded that there must be provision for an export subsidy, so that, in a situation where prices of any item are low in the country of import, and there's regular demand, then India may become a major exporter of that item.

IN BRIEF

Punjab CM Mann to tie the knot today

CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will tie the knot with Gurpreet Kaur on Thursday at a private ceremony here. Only a limited number of people from the family and a few friends are likely to attend the event. AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is expected to attend the ceremony. Mr. Mann separated from his first wife a few years ago. He has two children from his first marriage.

Lt. Gen. Subramanian to lead UNMISS

NEW DELHI

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on Wednesday announced the appointment of Lt. Gen. Mohan Subramanian of India as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). He succeeds Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar also from India. Lt. Gen. Subramanian has a military career with the Indian Army for over 36 years. Most recently, he served as the General Officer Commanding, Military Region (Operational and Logistic Readiness Zone) in central India

Coast Guard rescues crew of merchant vessel

NEW DELHI

The Coast Guard rescued all 22 crew of the merchant vessel Global King-I, 185 Km from Porbandar Coast in the Arabian Sea, responding to a distress call on Wednesday. The crew consisted of 20 Indians, a Pakistani and a Sri Lankan national. Despite adverse weather conditions, a Dornier aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Porbandar and off shore vessel ICGS Shoor were launched for assessment of the situation and relaying information to the vessels in the vicinity, it explained. The crew, after failing to arrest flooding, abandoned the vessel in life raft around 10.45 a.m., the statement said.

PM to launch education summit today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a three-day summit in Varanasi on Thursday that will culminate with the adoption of the Varanasi Declaration on higher education.

The summit is being organised by the Ministry of Education in association with the University Grants Commission and Banaras Hindu University, and will bring together over 300 Vice-Chancellors and Directors from public and private universities as well as educationists, policy-makers and industry representatives to discuss the implementation of the National Education Policy, 2020.

Discussions will be held on various themes such as multi-disciplinary and holistic education, skill development and employability and Indian knowledge systems.

Union Ministers Mukhtar Naqvi, R.C.P. Singh quit as RS term ends

PM thanks them for their service; Smriti Irani given charge of Minority Affairs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Ministers R.C.P. Singh of the Janata Dal (U) and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi of the BJP resigned on Wednesday, a day before the completion of their Rajya Sabha term.

Mr. Singh and Mr. Naqvi have not been renominated by their respective parties, but they were technically entitled to continue for another six months without being an MP.

That option, however, was not exercised by either of them, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in fact, turning Wednesday's Cabinet meeting into a kind of valedictory meeting for the two Ministers, praising their performance and thanking them for their service. Mr. Singh held the Steel portfolio, while Mr. Naqvi was Minister for Minority Affairs.

New course: Former Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi at his residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. • PTI

A Rashtrapati Bhavan communique, while stating that the resignations of the Ministers had been accepted under Clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution, said that Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia would be handling Steel as an additional portfolio, while Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani would be looking after the Ministry of Minority Affairs as an additional charge. Mr. Naqvi went straight from the Cabinet meeting to the BJP's national headquarters on Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg to meet party chief J.P. Nadda. He also met Mr. Modi in the evening and handed over his resignation.

While it is being said that he may yet return to the Rajya Sabha as Chairperson and Vice-President, government sources said such reports were mere speculation. Mr. Naqvi had been holding the position of Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha. The fact that neither Mr. Singh nor Mr. Naqvi got renominated was surprising, with the former's failure to get renominated also revealing an internal tug of war in the Janata Dal(U) and reports of him being seen as closer to the BJP than his own party.

Whatever the case, it made the continuation of Mr. Singh untenable in the Council of Ministers as the BJP and the JD(U) are running a government in Bihar. In fact, Mr. Singh, after sending his resignation by fax to Mr. Modi, met Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan who handles the party affairs in Bihar. A Cabinet expansion may be on the cards, but it is still not certain if the JD(U) would offer another name to be Minister.

P.T. Usha, Ilaiyaraaja among four picked for Rajya Sabha

Veerendra Heggade, Vijayendra Prasad are the other choices

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Olympic sprinter P.T. Usha, music composer Ilaiyaraaja, philanthropist Veerendra Heggade and screenwriter V. Vijayendra Prasad have been nominated to the Rajya Sabha in the category of eminent persons nominated by the President.

In total, the President nominates 12 persons as his nominees to the Rajya Sabha – persons known for their eminence in the fields of arts and letters and public service. Of the 12, seven seats were vacant, of which four have now been filled.

The nominees are from the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.

The four nominees are achievers in their own right, but their selection also reflects a southern push by the Narendra Modi government.

Ms. Usha, born in Kozhikode in Kerala, is one of India's best known track-and-field stars. She also runs the Usha School of Athletics, training young athletes. She has been given the Arjuna Award and the Padma Shri in the past.

Mr. Ilaiyaraaja from Tamil Nadu, a recipient of the Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan and many awards for his music, has composed more than 7,000 songs for over 1,000 films (mainly in southern India), and has more than 20,000 concert performances to his credit.

P.T. Usha and Ilaiyaraaja

Sivaji Ganesan (1982-86), Vyjayantimala Bali (1993-99) and "Cho" S. Ramaswamy (1999-2005) are the other Tamil film personalities who had served as nominated members of the Rajya Sabha.

Mr. Heggade has been the *Dharmadhikari* (custodian) of the Dharmasthala temple in Karnataka from the age of 20.

A philanthropist, he runs the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara Educational Trust, which provides education through more than 25 institutions. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2015.

K.V. Vijayendra Prasad, who is from Andhra Pradesh, is the noted screenwriter behind the blockbuster movies *Baahubali* and *RRR* that have made waves in India and abroad.

Prime Minister Modi congratulated all four and cited their contributions in their respective fields.

"The remarkable P.T. Usha Ji is an inspiration for every Indian. Her accomplishments in sports are widely known but equally commendable is her work to mentor budding athletes over the last several years."

"The creative genius of Ilaiyaraaja Ji has enthralled people across generations. His works beautifully reflect many emotions. What is equally inspiring is his life journey – he rose from a humble background and achieved so much," Mr. Modi tweeted.

For Mr. Heggade, the Prime Minister said he was at the forefront of outstanding community service.

Praising Mr. Prasad, Mr. Modi noted that he had been associated with the creative world for decades and his work showcases India's glorious culture and has made a mark globally.

(With PTI inputs)

Opposition plans to put up Vice-Presidential candidate

NCP chief Sharad Pawar holds preliminary talks in Delhi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties have started preliminary deliberations for zeroing in on a Vice-Presidential candidate for an election where the numbers are heavily stacked against them.

On Wednesday, Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar held a meeting in Delhi to discuss the progress of the campaign of the United Progressive Alliance's Presidential nominee Yashwant Sinha and to have preliminary discussions on the Vice-Presidential candidate.

The meeting was attended by Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and RJD leader A.D. Singh. The Trinamool Congress did not attend the meeting, though it too is on board with the idea of putting up a fight. The election for the 16th Vice-President of India will be held on August 6. The last date for filing nomination is July 19. The incumbent M. Venkaiah Naidu's term comes to an end on August 10.

UPA's Presidential nominee Yashwant Sinha with other leaders, in this file photo. • PTI

The arithmetic is far worse for the Opposition in the Vice-Presidential election than the Presidential since the electoral college comprises only Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members. Currently, the BJP has 303 members in the Lok Sabha and 92 in the Rajya Sabha and therefore can sail through, even without the help of the allies.

Regardless, the Opposition parties are keen to force a contest. "We will put up a political and ideological fight," Mr. Yechury said.

As per the initial discussions, it has been decided that the candidate will not belong to the Congress or any Opposition party. "Elections are not always about winning or losing, it is about articulating your vision and present to the country an alternate paradigm. That is what democracy is all about," RJD leader Manoj K. Jha said.

TRS pushes its national ambitions with Delhi HQ

Work on Telangana Bhavan in progress

NISTULA HEBBAR
NEW DELHI

In keeping with the party's national ambitions, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) is busy constructing the party's Delhi headquarters on 1,200 square metres of land at Vasant Vihar in south Delhi. Telangana Chief Minister and party supremo K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation stone of the building last September, and the work is likely to finish in eight months or so.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Vemula Prashant Reddy, Telangana Minister for Roads, Buildings and Housing Department, said the decision to build the party headquarters in Delhi was prompted by the party's growing ambition to be a player in national politics.

"We are staking a claim in national politics, and our leader decided that we needed a headquarters in Delhi to announce that intention," he said.

The land, allotted by the Urban Development Ministry, is still a distance away from the beating heart of Lutyens Delhi and even Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg, where the headquarters of the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party and the newly constructed office of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam are situated.

The Congress has land on Deendayal Upadhyaya Marg, but has not started work on a headquarters there and continues to operate from 24 Akbar Road. TRS leaders are unable to explain why they got land in posh south Delhi and not in central Delhi.

Work on Telangana Bhavan (an attempt to identify the party with the State) is being undertaken by a Hyderabad-based company.

ED notice to crypto exchanges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has sent notice to crypto exchange companies seeking information pertaining to an inquiry under the Foreign Exchange Management Act.

CoinSwitch, from which the agency sought documents, said it received queries from various government agencies.

"Our approach has always been that of transparency. Crypto is an early-stage industry with a lot of potential and we continuously engage with all stakeholders," said a CoinSwitch spokesperson.

NIA conducts searches in Kolhe case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches at multiple locations in Maharashtra in connection with the killing of pharmacist Umesh Kolhe in Amravati on June 21 over a social media post supporting suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma.

During the searches on 13 premises linked to the accused persons and suspects, the agency seized digital devices, pamphlets bearing hate messages, knives, and other incriminating documents.

MISSING

The man in the given photo by name KUMARAN, Age 60/22, S/o Choyi, Puthan Purayil (House), Koothali (P.O), Kozhikode (Dist) is found missing from his house since 04.03.2022 and nowhere about could he traced so far. In this regard a case in Cr. No. 163/22 u/s 57 of KP Act is registered at Perambra Police Station on 16-03-2022 and is under investigation. Anybody who has any information about the missing person, kindly intimate the details of information in the given address or phone shown below.

Sign information: Height 170 cm, Lean body, Bald headed.
Perambra Police Station: 0496-2610242
Kozhikode Rural.
Station House Officer - 9497987190
Sub Inspector - 9497980790 RO/01682/12/2022/N&PRD

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Government of India
Department of School Education & Literacy (SE&L)

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CORRIGENDUM-1

Refer our e-Tender Notification No. **KPCL/2022-23/IPS/WORK_INDENT 12376 Dt: 08.06.2022** for the work of **Design, Engineering, manufacture, quality surveillance, testing at supplier's works, supply, transportation, delivery on FOR destination basis, Arranging transit insurance, Dismantling of existing Governor and Sequencer system, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of One No. of Digital Governor cum Auto sequencer system and associated equipments complete including supply, laying, testing, termination of cables, networking, communication etc. for 2MW Bhadra Left Bank Generating Unit. The Bid Schedule is extended as follows**: Lastst Date & Time for submission of tenders: Extended upto **19.07.2022 upto 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of the Technical Bid: **21.07.2022 at 10.30 Hrs.** Opening of the Financial Bid: **25.07.2022 at 11.30 Hrs.** The technical queries/clarifications are uploaded in GoK e-Procurement Website: **URL:https://eproc.kamataka.gov.in** All other terms & conditions of bid notification shall remain unaltered. Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer, (O&M), Bhadra**, BGS, KPCL, B.R. Project - 577115, Bhadravathi-Tq., Shivamogga-Dist., Karnataka. Mobile: 94495 98814.

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The tender document can be downloaded from **www.opalindia.in**. For other details of this tender including corrigendum if any, Bidders should regularly visit OPaL website (**www.opalindia.in**) for the latest information in this regard. In case of exigencies OPaL at its option may decide to extend tender sale/ bid closing/ opening date/ time in future, which will be posted on the above referred website for information. Bidders should regularly visit OPaL website for the latest information in this regard.

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Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010
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Ref. No. RMLIMS/MM(eq)/2022-23/1507 Dated: 06.07.2022

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Director

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Details can be seen on the websites **http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in**. Bids are to be submitted through **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.

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No.: EE/PN/TEND/10/2022-23 Date: 06.07.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Only through E-Procurement Portal) Two Cover

The Executive Engineer (Pulikeshinagar Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **Standard Tender Document KW4.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Ashoknagar Slum, Basavanagar Slum, Saukarlane Slum, Kushalnagar, BDA Layout, Anwar Layout P&T Colony, Sophia School & surrounding area in ward No 31, Kushalanagar. **Package No. 01, (Govt Sl. No: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
2	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Saukar Lane Slum Main Road & 7th Cross, Karimariyamma Nagar Slum Roads, M.M. Layout, Chinnanna Layout, Hanumanthappa Layout, Kavalbyrasandra Govt School, Rama Temple, Muneshwaranagar Slum & Dubai Layout, Doddannanagar Slum, Modi Road, Siddartha Layout, (Gundu Thopu) & surrounding area in Ward No. 31 Kushalanagar, 32 Kavalbyrasandra & 48 Muneshwaranagar. **Package No. 02, (Govt Sl. No: 4, 8, 15, 17, 18, 24, 27, 41, 42, 70)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
3	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Siddartha Layout, (Gundu Thopu) Slum, 2nd & 4th Cross Ganesha Block Athmananda Colony, Ambedkarnagar Cross Roads, Muniveerappa Layout, BDA Layout, Adarshanagar 1st to 4th Cross Roads, Adarshanagar 5th to 8th Cross Roads, Shani Mahathma Temple, Skin Mandi, Chikkanna Lane, Kaverinagar & surrounding area in Ward No. 32, Kavalbyrasandra & 48, Muneshwaranagar **Package No. 03, (Govt. Sl. No.: 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
4	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Pillanna Garden Slum, Old Bagalur Layout Slum, Giddappa Lane, 8th Main New Bagalur Layout, New Bagalur Layout, Charles Ground & Pillanna Garden Football Ground, Cleaveland Road, Boudilane Road, Standage Road & Wheeler Road 1st & 2nd Cross & surrounding area in Ward No 60, Sagayapuram & 78, Pulikeshinagar. **Package No. 04, (Govt Sl. No.: 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 64, 65, 66, 67)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
5	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at D.J. Halli, S.R Block Slum, Vishweshwaraiah Layout & Muneshwara Temple Back side, SR Block Amudha Gully Slum, Velangana Church upto ITI Layout, Modi Garden, Old KEB Road, 2nd Main, S.K. Garden upto Naval Mess Compound, Williams Town, Srinivasnagar Slum, Thippu Mohalla Zanda Galli & surrounding area in Ward No. 32, Kavalbyrasandra & 48, Muneshwaranagar. **Package No. 05, (Govt Sl. No.: 25, 26, 28, 57, 43, 44, 58, 61, 40, 45)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
6	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Thangamalainagar Slum, D.J. Halli Main Road, Munimarappa Garden Slum, From Varalakshmi Nagar Slum to Subramanya Temple, Hussania Masjid, Modi Main Road, Urdu School compound wall, from Mardhana Hotel to 9th Cross of Goa Garden & Noor Masjid, Sonnappa Garden Slum, Byadrahalli & surrounding area in Ward No. 47, D.J. Halli & 61, S.K. Garden **Package No. 06, (Govt Sl. No. 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 59, 60)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-
7	Comprehensive development of Road, Drain, Footpath, CC Drain, Asphalting at Compound Wall To Nelson Mandela Park, Modi Road Cement Gully And Cross Roads, Kenchappa Road, Stephens Road Reach-1, ITI Layout, A.K. Colony, Bangaragiri Nagar, Periyarnagar Slum, Jhani Bhai Compound, Lababin Masjid, Ayodi Das Nagar & surrounding area in ward no 48, Muneshwaranagar, 47, D.J. Halli & 61, S.K. Garden & 78 Pulikeshinagar **Package No. 07, (Govt Sl. No.: 50, 62, 68, 69, 53, 54, 63, 29, 32, 33)**	1,000.00	15,00,000/-

Calendar of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from **15.07.2022, 4:00 p.m. (2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.07.2022, 4:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, Robertson Road, Bengaluru. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **05.08.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on **08.08.2022** at **11:00 a.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP

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Soon, buses, trucks to have fuel norms

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Buses and trucks will be required to comply with fuel consumption norms from April 2023 that applied only to passenger vehicles so far, according to a draft notification issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

The Ministry has proposed to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules so that the Constant Fuel Consumption Standards (CFCS) include medium and heavy-duty motor vehicles of various categories.

The Ministry has invited comments for a period of 30 days.

Under the CFSC testing, a vehicle is driven on a test track at a constant speed to measure its fuel efficiency. Once the final notification is issued, the government will upload the test results for all vehicle models to enable buyers to make informed decisions.

COVID precaution dose can be had six months after second jab

Previous guideline mandated a nine-month interval between the two doses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Health Ministry, on Wednesday, decided to reduce the gap between the second and precaution doses of COVID-19 vaccines to six months for all adults in view of the recommendation by the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI).

Earlier, the time interval between the second vaccine shot and the precaution dose was nine months.

The Health Ministry, in its communication to the States, said that in view of the evolving scientific evidence, the Standing Technical Sub Committee (STSC) of the NTAGI had recommended revision of the duration between second dose and precaution dose from the existing nine months or 39 weeks to six months or 26 weeks.

Best practices: The Health Ministry said the revised timeframe is based on evolving scientific evidences. • FILE PHOTO

The letter signed by Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the Centre had decided that the precaution dose for all beneficiaries aged 18 to 59 will be administered after the completion of six months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of the second dose at private COVID-19 vaccination centres (CVCs).

"For beneficiaries aged above 60 as well as healthcare workers and frontline workers, precaution dose would be administered after completion of six months or 26 weeks from the date of administration of second dose at Government CVCs free of charge," he said.

"Corresponding changes have been made in the CoWIN system to facilitate the new dispensation," Mr. Bhushan added.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 vaccination platform CoWIN will be repurposed as a platform for universal immunisation, blood donation and later it will be used for organ donation, said R.S. Sharma, CoWIN chief and CEO of the National Health Authority.

Integration in the works

He explained that technology is now being used as an enabler and will be integrated with other ecosystems.

"We had the digital CoWin global conclave last year and several countries who participated were interested in CoWIN," Mr. Bhushan said. "Guyana with which India signed a Memorandum of Understanding is poised to use the CoWin platform for their vaccination programme," he added.

Kargil ride, cricket match to mark 75th Independence Day

Campaign to hoist Tricolour at all households in the works

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Exhibitions on moving trains, a motorcycle ride till Kargil, a cricket match between teams from India and rest of the world, and the launch of a campaign for all households to hoist the Tricolour will be rolled out in the month leading up to Independence Day, according to the Culture Ministry's programme.

Big event: A kilometre-long flag on display as part of the 75th Independence Day in Hyderabad. • FILE PHOTO

Under *Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* (AKAM), the commemoration of 75 years of Independence, the government will be holding exhibitions on trains along with the Indian Railways titled *Azaadi Ki Rail Gadi Aur* Stations and Kargil Vijay Divas in July, when a motorcycle ride organised by the Defence Ministry will reach Tiger Hill. In August, birth anniversary of Pingalli Venkayya, who designed the National Flag, will be observed, and a "world cricket match" will be played, according to the programme.

More programmes

As a part of the commemoration, a collection of revolutionary poetry that was banned by the British and a repository of unsung heroes has been compiled on the AKAM website. A Culture Ministry official said the plans for observing August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day were yet to be finalised.

In a written statement, Culture Secretary Govind Mohan said over 47,000 events had been organised in the past 15 months as a part of the two-year celebration. Mr. Mohan added that *Har Ghar Tiranga* will be the next big initiative under AKAM. "We encourage everyone to display the flag at home on August 15," he said.

'MSP should continue till markets become efficient'

NITI Aayog members' comment on procurement irks SKM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the nationwide protests by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) demanding a law to ensure minimum support price, NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand said here on Wednesday that the MSP should continue till markets become competitive and efficient.

The MSP can be given through means other than procurement, he said at a conference on "Getting agriculture markets right," triggering reactions from leaders of the SKM.

Far-reaching effects: The farmers' body said that MSP without a legal guarantee will not be effective. • FILE PHOTO

Hannan Mollah, senior SKM leader and general secretary of the All-India Kisan Sabha, said farmers were demanding a law to ensure MSP. "Only two items are procured of the 23 crops that have an MSP. MSP without a legal guarantee will not be effective as the input cost has increased," he said.

Direct relation

Pavel Kussa, coordinator of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugrahan), said the MSP was directly linked to the food security of the country. "MSP is linked to procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrains through public distribution system. The NITI Aayog member seems to have forgotten the statement of Food Minister Piyush Goyal asking States to encourage paddy sowing. Farmers cultivate paddy as there is MSP and procurement of the crop. MSP without procurement has no meaning," he said.

DPP method

Addressing the conference, Mr. Chand had also said that "deficiency pricing payment (DPP)" was one such means of giving MSP to farmers, but added that the DPP could not be stopped once implemented. "Under DPP, the difference between the open market price and MSP is given to farmers. It has been implemented in some States like Madhya Pradesh," he said. "In some cases, MSP is justified in times of volatility in prices and glut. I feel what matters is how we give MSP to farmers. MSP has to be there as long as markets are not competitive and efficient. But MSP can be given through means other than procurement," he said.

Mr. Chand added that he had given a detailed presentation on the issue to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the difference between open market price and MSP was about 12-15% and MSP-fixed 23 crops would require ₹80,000 crore based on 1920 price. He said in the future, there could be differences in *sarkari* crops (MSP-fixed crops) and *bajaari* (commercial) crops and added that corporates were showing interest in innovation in *bajaari* crops.

Revamped protests

The SKM is relaunching its protests demanding legalised MSP from July 18, when the monsoon session of Parliament begins. The SKM will hold nationwide rallies asking the Centre to implement the promises it had made while repealing the three farm laws.

Ajmer man held for threat to Nupur

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The Rajasthan Police arrested a man in Ajmer late on Tuesday for allegedly offering to give away his house and property to anyone who beheaded suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma. The accused, Salman Chishti, is a *khadim* (worker) at the historic Ajmer dargah.

He had recorded his announcement before the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur on June 28, but the video was circulated later. He was on the run since the police registered a case against him earlier this week.

Dargah custodian Syed Zainul Abedin condemned the video, and said it should not be considered a message from the shrine.

Toronto museum sorry over poster

Indian Mission had urged Canadian authorities to remove 'provocative material'

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

A day after the Indian High Commission urged Canadian authorities to withdraw "provocative" material related to Hindu gods from the poster of a film showcased at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, the museum authorities on Wednesday apologised for hurting religious sentiments.

Twitter removed a poster shared by film director Leena Manimekalai.

In its letter of apology, the museum wrote that the Toronto Metropolitan University had brought together works from students of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Each student was exploring individual sense of belonging as part of Canadian multiculturalism for the project named "Under the tent". These works were hosted at the museum on July 2, in the context of its mission to foster an intercultural understanding and dialogue through the arts.

> **This is hilarious. Will Twitter withhold the tweets of the 200000 hate mongers? These lowlife trolls tweeted and spread the very same poster that they find objectionable**
> LEENA MANIMEKALAI, Filmmaker

"Respect for diverse religious expressions and faith communities forms an integral part of that mission. The presentation is no longer being shown at the museum. The museum deeply regrets that one of the 18 short videos from 'Under the tent' and its accompanying social media post have inadvertently caused offence," it said.

Reacting to Twitter removing her film's poster, Ms. Manimekalai questioned if Twitter would withhold the tweets of the hate mongers.

"This is hilarious. Will Twitter withhold the tweets of the 200000 hate mongers? These lowlife trolls tweeted and spread the very same poster that they find objectionable. Kaali cannot be lynched. Kaali cannot be raped. Kaali cannot be destroyed. She is the goddess of death," she wrote on the microblogging site.

The microblogging site wrote that the tweet from Ms. Manimekalai has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand.

Meanwhile, two organisations in Assam have lodged a first information report (FIR) demanding punitive action against Ms. Manimekalai for "hurting religious sentiments".

The Hindu Suraksha Manch and the United Trust of Assam lodged the FIR together at the Dispur police station in Guwahati on Tuesday. The complainants said the poster depicts Goddess Kaali in a manner "unacceptable by any Hindu" and that it was a "deliberate distortion of the Hindu religion and culture with malicious intent to insult Hindu religious feelings".

(With inputs from Assam Special Correspondent)

Himachal Pradesh hit by flash floods and landslips

Four believed to have been washed away in the Parvati river; two women die in Kullu and Shimla

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

At least four persons are believed to have been washed away in the Parvati river after a cloudburst hit Chojh village in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

A woman drowned in the Malana river after a flash flood at the Malana hydroelectric project site at Bhuntar in in Kullu. In Shimla's Dhalli, a young woman died and two others were injured after rains triggered a landslip.

In Chojh village, the cloudburst occurred around 6 a.m., causing a huge inflow of water into the already swollen Parvati as heavy rain had lashed the region late in the night on Tuesday.

"Four persons, who were reportedly washed away in the Parvati river, are still missing. Rescue teams are on the job," Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, State Disaster Management Director, told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Mokhta said 30 employees were trapped in a building after a flash flood at the Malana hydroelectric project site on the Malana at Bhuntar.

All of them were rescued by the local administration. "A woman drowned at the dam site," he said.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur reviewed the preparedness to tackle emergency situations with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of all districts.

The Chief Minister directed the officers to make foolproof arrangements for disaster management.

Tumbled earth: Vehicles lie buried under debris after a landslip in heavy rain in Shimla on Wednesday. • PTI

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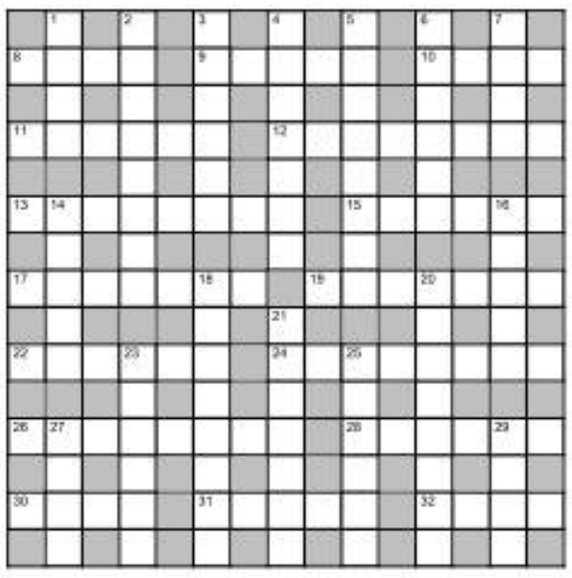

Across

8 Brandish wand for start of day (4)
9 Greek letter has directions for river (5)
10 Ripped damaged leotard after lad was expelled (4)
11 Pop and Mom go around North American country (6)
12 Wolf's expulsion of liquids (8)
13 Ace's grid messed up, resulting in ignominy (8)
15 Incorrectly cites about boy cut into two (6)
17 John performed first part of activity to produce some kind of yeast (7)
19 Animal carrying Egyptian god and sticky sweet (7)
22 Wrongly said, "At sports venues" (6)
24 Erroneously perceived sound from Mr Depp's ex on radio (8)
26 Altered toccatas to produce abrupt and disjointed notes (8)
28 Wrongly reappraises, in absence of paper, to give increases in salary (6)
30 Sign girl is in wash-room? (4)
31 Outsider? A falsehood, no? (5)
32 Ancient Roman church had, in the beginning, a curved support structure (4)

Down

1 Information contained in Golconda tablet (4)
2 Swollen green dal is cooked (8)
3 Spanish navy's weapon is with Aeronautical Development Agency (6)
4 Yankee left settlement with the Spanish military officer (7)
5 Wild beaver carrying hollow root shows a bit of spine (8)
6 Delays constructions meant to house horses (6)
7 Staff endlessly wreck building (4)
14 Spilling paint is not appropriate (5)
16 Encourage revolutionary queen (5)
18 Attract ward (4,4)
20 A man consumes rice pudding from the US (8)
21 Munitions with National Investigation Agency produce noxious gas (7)
23 Medico appearing briefly in Madras Central (6)
25 Jump! Substitute one end of gadget with another and run! (6)
27 Consumed potassium also, at first (4)
29 Every idea changes to some extent (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13601

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

For the soul's welfare

The theme of Adi Sankara's stotra grantha 'Bhaja Govinda,' also known as 'Moha Mudgara,' is to stir in each one of us the desire to know the meaning of our existence in earnest, pointed out Sri B. Sundarkumar in a discourse. This should be paramount in our life. The acharya's advice to all the jivatmas who are deluded and distracted by the infinite variety in life is to turn our focus inward and chant His name Govinda. The term 'dukrinch karane' in the very first verse, a grammatical principle from Panini's treatise, is symbolic of the secondary merit of material knowledge, as opposed to spiritual awareness. It echoes Vyasa's formula, 'athato brahma jignyasa,' that urges people to gain spiritual jnana by engaging one's thoughts on the nature of the Supreme Brahman rather than on gaining mastery over worldly knowledge which is mostly materialistic.

In our daily life, whatever physical activity one is engaged in, one's mind is always at work in the background. The mind has astonishing power to traverse time and space effortlessly. It is more than cramped with all kinds of thoughts. One has to train the mind to choose only what is most beneficial for the welfare of the atma. For, at the time of death, it is not one's worldly knowledge that will be of any help.

The famous Bhagavad Gita sloka that speaks of 'antima kala smarana,' makes it clear that if the departing soul fixes its thoughts on God, that soul is sure to reach Him. The Lord also says that if the soul thinks of something else other than God at the time of death, it will not be able to reach Him. To be able to focus on thoughts of God at the last moment is not easy at all. So one has to prepare oneself to think and meditate on God at all times by conscious practice.

British PM Johnson vows to 'keep going'

More ministers quit; a group of Cabinet members would ask the PM to resign, local media report

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Boris Johnson on Wednesday refused to quit as British Prime Minister despite a growing number of resignations from his scandal-hit government, piling on pressure as he faced a grilling from angry MPs.

The 58-year-old leader's grip on power appears to be slipping following 10 short minutes on Tuesday night, when Rishi Sunak resigned as Finance Minister and Sajid Javid quit as Health Secretary. Both said they could no longer tolerate the culture of scandal that has dogged Mr. Johnson for months, including lockdown lawbreaking in Downing Street.

A delegation of Cabinet Ministers met with him at his Downing Street office to press him to resign, Britain's Press Agency reported. Longtime loyalist Brandon Lewis was among those demanding he quit.

Earlier on Wednesday, members of the Opposition Labour Party showered Mr. Johnson with shouts of "Go! Go!" during the weekly session of Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons as critics argued the leader's days were numbered following his poor handling of sexual misconduct allegations against a senior official.

Tight spot: Boris Johnson during the weekly session of Prime Minister's Questions at the House of Commons. • VIA REUTERS

But more damningly, members of Mr. Johnson's own Conservative Party – wearied by the many scandals he has faced – also challenged their leader, with one asking whether there was anything that might prompt him to resign.

But brushing off calls to resign, Mr. Johnson told MPs: "Frankly, the job of a Prime Minister in difficult circumstances when you have been handed a colossal mandate is to keep going and that's what I'm going to do."

His fellow Conservatives listened quietly and offered little support.

Mr. Javid, who helped trigger the current crisis when he resigned on Tuesday night, captured the mood of many lawmakers when he said Mr. Johnson's actions threatened to undermine the integrity of the Conservative Party and the British government. "At some point we have to conclude that enough is enough," he told fellow lawmakers. "I believe that point is now."

Mr. Johnson's grilling in Parliament was the first of two Wednesday. He was also questioned by a committee of senior lawmakers.

Under current party rules, another no-confidence vote cannot be held for another 11 months, but party members can change that rule.

More than 30 Junior Ministers and ministerial aides resigned on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Former Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi was immediately handed the finance brief and acknowledged the uphill task ahead. "You don't go into this job to have an easy life," Mr. Zahawi said.

On Tuesday, Mr. Johnson apologised for appointing a senior Conservative, who quit his post last week after he was accused of drunkenly groping two men.

Days of shifting explanations had followed the resignation of Deputy Chief Whip Chris Pincher.

Downing Street at first denied Mr. Johnson knew of prior allegations against Mr. Pincher when appointing him in February.

But by Tuesday, that defence had collapsed after a former top civil servant said Mr. Johnson, as Foreign Minister, was told in 2019 about another incident involving his ally.

A snap Savanta ComRes poll Wednesday indicated that three in five Conservative voters say Mr. Johnson cannot re-gain the public's trust, while 72% think he should resign.

Gotabaya turns to Putin for fuel supplies for Sri Lanka

He also seeks resumption of flights after tourist arrivals hit

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President on Wednesday reached out to his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, seeking urgent credit for fuel imports for the crisis-hit island nation, even as Colombo negotiates a support package with the Washington-headquartered International Monetary Fund.

"Had a very productive telecon with the #Russia President, Vladimir Putin. While thanking him for all the support extended by his gvt to overcome the challenges of the past, I requested an offer of credit support to import fuel to #lka in defeating the current econ challenges," President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said in a tweet.

Sri Lanka ran out of fuel last week, and the government said it was suspending fuel sales for two weeks to cope with the situation. An aide of a Prime Minister has indicated that supplies will likely arrive by July 22, while hundreds wait for days together in long queues to petrol stations. Colombo earlier dispatched its Ministers to Qatar and Russia to seek help. Scrambling for dollars for essential imports, the government is counting on credit lines from one of its bilateral partners. However, after Colombo opted for a pre-emptive sovereign default in April this year, global oil firms are less forthcoming with credit.

Persistent demand: Police trying to disperse farmers seeking the ouster of Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Colombo. • AFP

India assistance

India, as part of its $3.5 billion assistance this year, earlier extended a $500 million credit line for fuel imports, and Sri Lanka has sought further credit. However, it appears that any future assistance from most bilateral partners will depend on Sri Lanka firming up its debt restructure strategy, and the IMF's Extended Fund Facility coming through.

Optics of outreach

Apart from seeking credit for fuel, Mr. Rajapaksa also requested Mr. Putin to resume operations of Russia's national carrier to the island nation, suspended following a diplomatic spat last month. Colombo, based on a court order in a commercial dispute, detained a Russian aircraft, leading to a "resolute protest" from Moscow. The court later revoked the order, but Russia's subsequent decision to suspend operations resulted in a high number of tourist cancellations, local media reported.

"Further, I humbly made A request to restart @Aeroflot_World operations in #lka. We unanimously agreed that strengthening bilateral relations in sectors such as tourism, trade & culture was paramount in reinforcing the friendship our two nations share," Mr. Rajapaksa said in the twitter thread.

His request to resume operations of the Russian carrier may have further diplomatic consequences, amid other geopolitical tensions. In March this year, Aeroflot announced suspension of its international operations, as western manufacturers, lessors, and repair companies implemented sanctions in the wake of Russia's war on Ukraine. In Sri Lanka, the European Union has earlier raised concern with Sri Lanka's Civil Aviation Authority over allowing Aerofloat operations, citing questions over its "air-worthiness", *The Hindu* learns.

Tough negotiations

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka is struggling to respond to its crippling economic downturn. Even ongoing negotiations with the IMF appear challenging, going by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's remarks in Parliament on Tuesday. "We are now participating in the negotiations as a bankrupt country. Therefore, we have to face a more difficult and complicated situation than previous negotiations," he said.

July 4 gunman faces 7 counts of murder

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HIGHLAND PARK

A 21-year-old man who allegedly opened fire on a July 4 parade in a Chicago suburb while disguised in women's clothing was charged with seven counts of first-degree murder on Tuesday, prosecutors said.

Robert Crimo, 21, was arrested on Monday.

"There will be more charges," Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart told reporters. "We anticipate dozens of more charges centered around each of the victims."

12 killed as Russia pounds Donetsk

Moscow claims its Air Force destroyed two HIMARS rockets provided by the U.S.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KRAMATORSK

Russian shelling killed at least eight civilians in Ukraine over the past 24 hours and wounded 25 more, Ukrainian officials said on Wednesday. Pro-Russia separatists said attacks by Ukrainian forces killed four civilians.

The Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky's office said Russian forces targeted cities and villages in the country's southeast, with most civilian casualties occurring in Donetsk province, where Russia stepped up its offensive in recent days.

Governor Pavlo Kyrylenko urged the province's more than 3,50,000 remaining residents to flee late on Tuesday, saying that evacuating Donetsk was necessary to save lives and allow the Ukrainian Army to put up a better defense against the Russian advance.

Donetsk is part of the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial area where Ukraine's most experienced soldiers are concentrated. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday declared the complete seizure of the region's other province, Luhansk, after Ukrainian troops withdrew from the last city under their country.

Luhansk Governor Serhiy Haidai denied on Wednesday that the Russians had completely captured the province. Heavy fighting continued in villages around Lysychansk, the city Ukrainians soldiers withdrew from and which Russian troops took on Sunday, he said.

To the north of Donetsk, Russian forces also hit Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, with missile strikes overnight, the Kharkiv Governor Oleh Syniehubov said on Wednesday on Telegram.

Three districts of the city were targeted, Mr. Syniehubov said.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its air force killed up to 100 Ukrainian troops and destroyed four armored vehicles in Kkarkiv.

The Ministry's chief spokesman, Igor Konashenkov, said air-launched high precision missiles also destroyed two HIMARS multiple-launch rocket systems the U.S. sent to Ukraine.

'Afghan soil won't be used to launch attacks'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ISLAMABAD

Taliban supreme leader Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada said on Wednesday that Afghan soil will not be used to launch attacks against other countries, and he asked the international community to not interfere in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

The Taliban say they are adhering to an agreement they signed with the U.S. in 2020 – before retaking power – in which they promised to fight terrorists. Since their takeover last year, they have repeatedly said Afghanistan would not be used as a launching pad for attacks against other countries.

"We assure our neighbours, the region and the world that we will not allow anyone to use our territory to threaten the security of other countries. We also want other countries not to interfere in our internal affairs," Akhundzada said in an address ahead of the Eid al-Adha holiday.

The Taliban were ousted by a U.S.-led coalition in 2001 for harbouring Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the 9/11 attacks in the United States. The religious group captured power again in mid-August, during the chaotic last weeks of the U.S. and NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The international community has been wary of any recognition or cooperation with the Taliban, especially after they restricted the rights of women and minorities.

Akhundzada, the spiritual chief of the Taliban, has remained a reclusive figure. He rose to become the leader of the Islamist movement in a swift transition of power after a 2016 U.S. drone strike killed his predecessor, Mullah Akhtar Mansour.

600 inmates escape in attack on Nigeria jail

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ABUJA

At least 600 inmates escaped in a jailbreak in Nigeria's capital city, officials said on Wednesday, blaming the attack on Islamic extremist rebels. About 300 have been recaptured, authorities said.

Explosions and gunfire were heard at about 10 p.m. in the Kuje area of Abuja when the attackers arrived and forced their way into the prison through a hole created by the explosives.

The rebels attacked the prison with "very high-grade explosives," killing one guard, said Shuaib Belgore, permanent secretary of Nigeria's Ministry of Interior.

The extremists have waged an insurgency in the country's northeast for over a decade.

U.S., U.K. issue warnings over Chinese espionage

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

The heads of the U.S. and British intelligence agencies raised alarms on Wednesday about the Chinese government, warning business leaders that Beijing is determined to steal their technology for competitive gain.

FBI Director Christopher Wray reaffirmed previous concerns in denouncing economic espionage and hacking operations by China as well as the Chinese government's efforts to stifle dissent abroad.

MI5 Director-General Ken McCallum said the Chinese government and its "covert pressure across the globe" amounts to "the most game-changing challenge we face." "We need to talk about it. We need to act."

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TWAD BOARD, MADURAI.

SECOND EXTENSION NOTICE No.2 / Dt.05.07.2022 (E- Submission)

Ref : 1. This Office IFB: 04 & 05/F.Oddanchatram CWSS/JJM / SDO I/ CW / Dt.11.05.2022
2. This Office Tender Extension Notice No.1 /Dt.20.06.2022 (I Extension)

The receipt & opening of tenders called for in the reference 1st cited is extended as under :

Name of Work : Providing CWSS to Oddanchatram Municipality, Keeranur and Neikkarapatti Town Panchayats and 506 rural Habitations in Dindigul District with Bulk provision to 22 rural habitations in Tiruppur District with river Azhiyar as source including paid maintenance for a period of 5 years. (Period of completion – 18 months)
1. Package I
2. Package II

Period of sale of bid documents	**upto 17.45 hours on 02.08.2022**
Last date for receipt of tenders	**upto 15.00 hours on 03.08.2022**
Opening of tenders	**at 15.30 hours on 04.08.2022**
The other terms and conditions remain unaltered.	

DIPR/ 3280 /TENDER/2022
"சேமமுறை கடந்து வரும்போம் நலம் நாடுவோம், சமுகம் புரிந்து சரிந்திரம் படைப்போம்"
Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
THAMIRAPARANI BASIN CIRCLE, TIRUNELVELI-2
TENDER NOTICE NO. 3rd / T.B.C / TNY / 2022-2023 DATED 05.07.2022
FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
PRE QUALIFICAITON - RATE TENDER SYSTEM

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Tenders are invited from the contractors registered in Public works Department in the First Class to the Office of Superintending Engineer, WRD., Thamiraparani Basin Circle, Tirunelveli – 627 002. One sealed tender **(Two cover system) consisting of two separate covers one for Pre-Qualification with EMD and other one for price tender for the work of (1)** Reconstruction of Bridge across Palayankal at Thirumalaikolunthupuram village, Melapattam village and Keelamuneerpallam village of Palayamkottai Taluk in Tirunelveli Distrct & Reconstruction of Bridge across Tirunelveli channel near Arasadi Vinayagar Temple in Tirunelveli Town of Tirunelveli Taluk and District and (2) Flood protection works to Kadambakulam surplus course, Marudur Melakal in Thoothukudi District with the name of works duly super scribed in all the covers.

Tender Schedule Available Date	15.07.2022 to 16.08.2022 upto 5.45 P.M.
Tender Schedule Receiving Date	upto 3.00 P.M. on 17.08.2022
Tender Schedule opening at	3.30 P.M. on the same day
Total No. of works	2 (Two)
Approximate Total value of all works	Rs. 3613.70 Lakhs

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in
(If any changes / Corrections / Corrigendum in the tender, it will be published in the above Government Website only)

DIPR /3271/ Tender / 2022
"செலவை குறு வளர்ப்போம், சமுகம் புரிந்து சரிந்திரம் படைப்போம்"
Superintending Engineer, WRD (i/c), Thamiraparani Basin Circle, Tirunelveli - 2

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/1889 DATE: 04/07/2022
Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 2 works under head of account 5054-SCP, Amount put to tender is Rs. 175.44 Lakhs for each work.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 08-07-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 11-07-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 13-07-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 15-07-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-480/MCA/2022-23

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 11/SBC/22 of 29.06.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following works:

No.	Description of Works	Approx. Value
1	**Bengaluru Division:** Clearing of grass, shrubs and all other vegetation in SBC yard for a period of one year.	Rs. 35,16,480/-
2	**SBC-JTJ: SW-I:** Proposed balance work of FOB at Somanayakanapatti (SKPT) of JTJ-SBC section (4 tracks). **SW-II:** Proposed balance work of FOB at Mulanur (MAR) of JTJ-SBC section (4 tracks). Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 3,47,68,778/-
3	SBC-Proposed brightening of station building, miscellaneous structures like FOB, PF Shelters and minor improvements etc.	Rs. 1,01,21,364/-
4	SBC-Proposed improvements to circulating, parking area and other miscellaneous work at second entry in SBC and other passenger amenities. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 67,88,375/-
5	Collection and supply of machine crushed ballast including mechanical loading at Nittur depot - 42190 cum in connection with the works of TSR(B) - 33kms YNK-CBP & Doubling work of TK-GBB sec.	Rs. 3,89,18,253/-
6	**SW-I:** Replacement of existing 60 kg 1 in 12 turn out with 60 kg 1 in 12(WS+WCMSC 9 sets PKD & MKJ stations in DEN/N/SBC section. **SW-II:** Through fitting renewal of turn out 94 sets in North section.	Rs. 59,01,147/-
7	**Bengaluru Division:** Replacement of steel Girders with PSC slabs above 6.10m and upto 9.15 Span bridges. Bengaluru-Dharmavaram Section - Br. No. 253, 278, 309 = 3 nos. in Sr. DEN/North sub division. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 1,97,73,112/-
8	**Bengaluru Division:** Replacement of steel Girders with PSC slabs above 6.10m and upto 9.15 Span bridges. Yelahanka - Bangarpet : Br No. 260 - 1 No. & Bengaluru-Dharmavaram Section - Br. No. 464 - 1 No. in Sr. DEN/North sub division. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 1,65,10,860/-
9	**Bengaluru Division:** Replacement of steel Girders with PSC slabs above 6.10m and upto 9.15 Span bridges. Bengaluru - Tumakuru section - Br. No. 415A, 422 - 2 Nos. in Sr.DEN/North sub division. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 1,65,10,860/-
10	**SSC-SA SW-I:** Construction of drain (For 2000m) in connection with the work of Cess repairs and strengthening of bank for a standard width 10 km from Km. 54.0-64.0 SL between SBC-SA section in Sr.DEN/S/SBC. **SW-II: SBC-SA Section:** Construction of Drain (For 5000 m) in connection with the work of TBR for a length of 24.96 Km from 67/000-86/400, 105/590-110/300, 115/300-116/150 SL in Sr.DEN/South section. **SW-III:** Construction of drain for a length of 3000m in connection with the work of SBC Division: **SW-I : SBC-SA Section:** Through ballast recoupment for a length of 6.0 km from km 39/500-45/500 in DEN/S/SBC section. **SW-II: SBC-SA Section:** Through ballast recoupment for a length of 6.20 km from km 45/500-51/700 in DEN/S/SBC section. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 3,48,67,378/-
11	**Bengaluru - Salem Section: SW-I:** Construction of trolley refugee 200 Nos. in connection with CTR(P) for a length of 26.108 km from km 118/900-145/008 SL in DEN/S/SBC. **SW-II:** Construction of drain for a length of 6.0 kms in connection with CTR(P) for a length of 26.108 km from km 118/900-145/008 SL in DEN/S/SBC. **SW-III:** Construction of ballast retaining wall for a length of 1000m in connection with CTR(P) for a length of 26.108 km from km 118/900-145/008 SL in DEN/S/SBC. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 4,53,39,521/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 22-07-2022**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
PUB/201/Wks/PRESS/WR/2022-23
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ord / Bengaluru
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (East) Lakes Division, Room No.308 3rd Floor, New Building, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-02
No.: EE-East/Lakes/Tend- 05/2022-23 Date: 06.07.2022
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Pathway improvement and other works at Kaggadasapura lake	400.00	6.00
2	Comprehensive Development of Kacharakanahalli lake	250.00	3.75
Period of Completion 11 months			

Calendar of Events: (1) Bid Documents available from: **13.07.2022** at **12.00 a.m. (2)** Pre-bid meeting on: **21.07.2022** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Tender Submission last Date: **27.07.2022** at **4:00 p.m. (4)** Opening of Technical Bid: **29.07.2022** at **4:30 p.m. (5)** Opening of Financial Bid: **After approval of Technical Bid.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (East), Lakes, BBMP

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Department of Public Libraries
4TH Floor, V. V. Main Tower,
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore - 560 001.
NO: DPL/DIR/PS/17/DLCB/2022-23/2492 DATE: 05-07-2022
TENDER NOTICE THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

TENDER DOCUMENT FOR (RFP) ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOUD BASED DIGITAL LIBRARIES 107 CENTERS UNDER 30 DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE FACILITY WITH NECESSARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. (2022-23 Budget Announcement Programme)

Department of Public Libraries invites E-Procurement Notification for **2022-23 ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOUD BASED DIGITAL LIBRARIES IN 107 CENTERS UNDER 30 DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE FACILITY WITH NECESSARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE** in two cover system through E-Procurement portal registered Firms/companies/Manufacturers should participate through E - Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. Estimated cost **Rs.200.00 Lakhs** and **EMD Rs.4.00 Lakhs.** The documents are available on the internet in the website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Start date of issuance/sale of tender document: **05-07-2022.** 2) Last date for Submission of Queries: **05-08-2022 at 17-30 p.m.** 3) Last date and time for Submission of tender document: **10-08-2022 at 17-30 p.m.** 4) Date and time for opening of Technical bids: **16-08-2022 at 12:30 p.m.** 5) Date and time for opening of Commercial bids: **18-08-2022 at 12:30 p.m.** 6) Date of Technical Presentation: **INTIMATED LATER.** 7) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Venue: **18-07-2022 at 12:30 p.m. Department of Public Libraries, Vishveshvaraia Main Tower, 4th Floor, Dr. Ambedkar Veedi, Bangalore - 01.**

Sd/- Director,
Department of Public Libraries,
Bangalore
DIPR/DDU/AAPL/1226/2021-22

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MARKET WATCH

	06-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,751	1.16
US Dollar	78.94	0.49
Gold	51,304	-1.43
Brent oil	100.25	-1.82

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	694.35	15.60
Apollo Hosp.	3883.50	66.10
Asian Paints	2861.40	94.80
Axis Bank	657.95	9.45
Bajaj Auto	3773.05	90.30
Bajaj Finserv	12028.50	503.80
Bajaj Finance	5916.70	255.60
Bharti Airtel	693.95	9.50
BPCL	321.30	8.20
Britannia Ind	3830.80	174.20
Cipla	945.60	8.20
Coal India	181.70	-0.75
Divis Lab	3644.80	34.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4190.00	-4.20
Eicher Motors	2907.95	102.15
Grasim Ind	1369.65	19.90
HCL Tech	986.60	4.45
HDFC	2229.50	26.60
HDFC Bank	1371.25	18.65
HDFC Life	557.45	-7.40
Hero MotoCorp	2831.80	94.55
Hindalco	340.95	-4.30
Hind Unilever	2498.40	96.90
ICICI Bank	725.95	6.50
Indusind Bank	836.55	12.50
Infosys	1491.65	15.70
ITC	289.30	2.40
JSW Steel	554.55	1.90
Kotak Bank	1704.50	41.45
L&T	1556.15	-8.75
M&M	1104.55	22.60
Maruti Suzuki	8630.05	281.35
Nestle India Ltd.	18388.65	403.65
NTPC	138.95	-1.90
ONGC	120.95	-6.45
PowerGrid Corp	210.45	-3.70
Reliance Ind	2411.85	-21.40
SBI Life	1116.10	5.10
State Bank	479.95	7.80
Shree Cement	19990.85	425.10
Sun Pharma	837.70	1.90
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	749.95	20.90
Tata Motors	416.35	4.35
Tata Steel	858.15	-2.00
TCS	3260.75	44.45
Tech Mahindra	1009.90	6.70
Titan	2013.55	59.30
UltraTech Cement	5828.05	98.10
UPL	662.50	6.10
Wipro	416.05	2.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 06

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.10	79.42
Euro	80.71	81.04
British Pound	94.34	94.73
Japanese Yen (100)	58.42	58.66
Chinese Yuan	11.80	11.85
Swiss Franc	81.45	81.79
Singapore Dollar	56.33	56.57
Canadian Dollar	60.65	60.90
Malaysian Ringitt	17.87	17.95
Australian Dollar	53.80	54.06

Source: Indian Bank

RBI eases rules to boost forex inflows

It relaxes interest rates on NRIs' foreign currency deposits, doubles overseas borrowing limit for firms

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday announced a slew of temporary measures aimed at boosting foreign exchange inflows, including a doubling in the overseas borrowing limit for corporates and removal of interest rate ceilings for NRIs' foreign currency deposits. The move comes as persistent capital outflows and a widening trade deficit have led to a sharp depreciation in the Indian rupee to new lows against the dollar.

Observing that the rupee had depreciated by 4.1% against the dollar (upto July 5) so far this financial year, the RBI asserted that, barring portfolio investments, capital flows remained stable with an adequate level of reserves providing a buffer against external shocks. India's foreign exchange reserves stood at $593.3 billion as on June 24, supplemented by a substantial stock of net forward assets, it said.

Joining battle: The RBI says move is aimed at helping mitigate volatility and dampening global spillovers. • AFP

"The Reserve Bank has been closely and continuously monitoring the liquidity conditions in the forex market and has stepped in as needed in all its segments to alleviate dollar tightness with the objective of ensuring orderly market functioning. In order to further diversify and expand the sources of forex funding so as to mitigate volatility and dampen global spillovers, it has been decided to undertake measures... to enhance forex inflows while ensuring overall macroeconomic and financial stability," the RBI added.

As part of the measures, banks have been exempted from maintaining the stipulated Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on incremental FCNR(B) and NRE term deposits mobilised up to November 4. "It has been decided that with effect from the reporting fortnight beginning July 30, incremental FCNR(B) and NRE deposits with reference base date of July 1, 2022, will be exempt from the maintenance of CRR and SLR," the RBI said.

It also freed banks to temporarily raise fresh FCNR(B) and NRE deposits without reference to extant regulations on interest rates, with effect from July 7 and up to October 31, 2022.

FPI debt norms loosened

To encourage foreign portfolio investment into debt, the RBI said the choice of government bonds available for investment under the fully accessible route (FAR) would be widened, with all new issuances of G-Secs of 7-year and 14-year tenors, including the current issuances of 7.10% GS 2029 and 7.54% GS 2036, designated as specified securities.

The RBI also temporarily doubled the annual limit for External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) to $1.5 billion or its equivalent.

IRDAI okays tech-based add-ons for motor cover

It also permits floater insurance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has permitted general insurers to introduce technology-enabled add-ons to motor own damage (OD) insurance cover.

Pay-as-you-drive, pay-how-you-drive and floater policy for vehicles belonging to the same individual owner for two wheelers and private cars are add-ons it has allowed.

These will be provided as add-ons to the basic policy of Motor OD and are expected to give much-needed fillip to the cover in the country and raise penetration, the regulator said on Wednesday. The objective in allowing such covers is that motor insurance becomes more affordable, especially for customers who primarily opt for only third-party (TP) insurance and overlook the benefits of OD covers, chief technical officer of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance T.A. Ramalingam said. He added that such initiatives were a push in the right direction in increasing much-needed penetration of motor insurance in India. With the latest circular, the insured can also purchase one add-on cover on a floater basis for multiple vehicles he/she owns, be it four-wheelers or two-wheelers, he said.

The changes will do away with the 'standard premium for all', said Reliance General's CEO Rakesh Jain.

Govt. releases 4th tranche of PDRD grant

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Wednesday released the fourth instalment of revenue deficit grant of ₹7,183 crore to 14 States for the current fiscal.

The States for which Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant had been recommended by the 15th Finance Commission during FY23 are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

The 15th Finance Commission had recommended a total PDRD Grant of ₹86,201 crore to 14 States for FY23.

Inflation hits FMCG sector 'hard', says Godrej

Rural growth slower than urban: GCPL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The country's FMCG industry continued to be 'hit hard by inflation levels' leading to successive price increases as well as to an impact on volumes during the three months ended June, according to Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL).

In its update for the first quarter of the current fiscal, the FMCG player also said rural markets witnessed slower growth compared with the urban segment.

The company would have 'mid-single-digit volumes drop on a high base, with a 3-year volume CAGR close to mid-single digits,' in the domestic market, as per the update.

"The Indian FMCG industry continued to remain soft during the quarter. It continued to be hit hard by inflation levels aggravating due to geopolitical tensions, leading to successive price increases and impacting volumes," GCPL said.

In recent months, inflation has been on the rise in most markets worldwide.

NINL to restart in 3 months: Tata Steel MD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Tata Steel aims to restart the 1-million tonne NINL steel mill in the next three months, CEO and Managing Director T.V. Narendran said on Wednesday.

Tata Steel on Monday completed the acquisition of NINL through its subsidiary Tata Steel Long Products for a consideration of ₹12,000 crore.

The Odisha-based plant has been closed for almost two years.

"We hope to get the production started in the next 3 months and ramp up to the rated capacity over the next 12 months," Mr. Narendran told PTI to a query on the strategy for the newly acquired steel plant.

Independent directors of FRL failed to act: Amazon

E-com firm alleges 'governance lapse'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

E-commerce major Amazon alleged that independent directors of Future Retail had failed to exercise their statutory duties and that their 'conduct and attitude' raised substantial questions on accountability, transparency and the fairness regime for corporate governance in India.

In a letter to Future Retail's independent directors on July 4, Amazon also raised objection to an alleged attempt by the Future Group to transfer its logistics and warehousing business to Reliance in violation of binding legal orders.

In August 2020, Future Group had announced a

₹24,713-crore deal to sell 19 companies operating in retail, wholesale, logistics and warehousing segments to Reliance Retail Ventures.

In the letter, Amazon said, "You, the Independent Directors of FRL, have failed to exercise your statutory duties and functions independently in accordance with law."

CESC flags rising fuel cost as constraint

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

The rapidly rising cost of fuel, owing to the Russia-Ukraine crisis and demand-supply factors, is a short-to-medium-term constraint, said CESC chairman Sanjiv Goenka.

He added that in such a scenario, it was vital for power producers and distributors to be able to pass on higher fuel costs via tariffs. "Unfortunately, while this forms a part of each power supply contract, we still see reluctance of State governments and regulators to give their assent in a timely manner. "This, in turn, negatively affects the financial results of power producers," he said in the annual report for FY22.

IN BRIEF

'Unprecedented inflation impacted consumption'

NEW DELHI

FMCG firm Dabur said consumption pressure continued across the sector in the April-June quarter of FY23 on account of 'unprecedented inflation', which has impacted the share of the income available for spending on consumer staples. "This was witnessed across urban and rural markets," Dabur said. PTI

City Union Bank to raise up to ₹500 cr. via QIP

NEW DELHI

City Union Bank on Wednesday said it will raise ₹500 crore from qualified institutional players.

The board of directors at a meeting approved raising of further capital through the QIP route to the tune of ₹500 crore, City Union Bank said in a regulatory filing. The lender said that its AGM was scheduled to be held on August 18, 2022, and it would seek shareholders' approval for the capital raise plan. PTI

Good Glamm announces international division

NEW DELHI

Beauty and personal care brand The Good Glamm Group on Wednesday announced an international division as it looks to expand to West Asia and Southeast Asia to garner $150 million revenue from international markets over the next 3 years. The company added that it had also restructured its business into three key divisions — Good Brands, Good Media and Good Creator — to build revenue synergies.

Reliance Retail to bring Gap range to India

MUMBAI

Reliance Retail Ltd. (RRL) said it had entered into a long-term franchise agreement with Gap Inc. to bring the American fashion brand to India. Through this agreement, Reliance Retail said it had become the official retailer for Gap across all channels in India. The firm said it would introduce Gap's latest offerings to Indian consumers through exclusive brand stores, multi-brand stores and digital platforms.

Aiwa targets $1-bn revenue from India in 5 years: MD

Unveils 'MAGNIFIQ' TVs from ₹29,990

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Japanese consumer durables firm Aiwa plans to diversify its product portfolio in India to foray into categories such as ACs, washing machines and refrigerators as it eyes a revenue of $1 billion from the country in the next four to five years, said MD India Ajay Mehta.

The company, which on Wednesday entered the television market with the unveiling of the 'MAGNIFIQ' series at prices ranging from ₹29,990-1,39,990, said it woud also be investing about $20 million (about ₹160 crore) in the next two years in expansion.

"We already have audio products in the market. Now, with the launch of our TVs, we aim to close the current fiscal with revenues of about $50 million," Mr. Mehta said. "Our intent for the next 4-5 years is to be a $1-billion business in India.

Ajay Mehta • PTI

The aim is to have revenue of about ₹8,000 crore over the next 4-5 years," he added.

Mr. Mehta said to achieve the target of $1 billion, the company needs to diversify its products portfolio.

According to industry estimates, the television market in India is pegged at $70-90 million, growing at about 8-9% annually. Aiwa India aims to garner 5% market share in TVs in five years.

ALL plans alternate fuels across fleet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Ashok Leyland said it had developed a roadmap with alternate fuel sources to deploy green energy vehicles across its fleet.

"We have developed a roadmap covering CNG, LNG, hydrogen, fuel cell and battery electric vehicles to cater to different applications and customer needs," chairman Dheeraj Hinduja said in the company's 73rd annual report.

"Action is already on to extend CNG and LNG across the full range of trucks and buses," he said.

"We are pursuing a proactive approach to develop technologies in the areas of safety, digital, and green energy," Mr. Hinduja added. With regard to safety, the company said it is working on enabling various levels of advanced drive assistance systems.

NCLT allows IDBI to change liquidator

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chennai has allowed a plea by IDBI Bank to replace the liquidator of Jeypore Sugar Company. The tribunal said it had powers to remove the liquidator.

An insolvency petition against the company was admitted in 2019 and in 2020, the tribunal had ordered liquidation and V. Venkata Sivakumar was appointed liquidator. IDBI Bank said the liquidator did not possess valid authorisation for assignment as required under regulation 7A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Resolution Professionals) Regulations, 2016, and sought his removal.

TVS eyes 1 lakh unit sales for 'Ronin' this fiscal year

Company invests ₹100 cr. for product

N. ANAND
GOA

TVS Motor Company on Wednesday announced its foray into the premium lifestyle segment with the roll-out of an industry-first 'modern retro' 225 cc motorcycle TVS Ronin starting at ₹1.49 lakh (ex-showroom).

"Targeted at new-age riders, the bike offers a combination of style, riding comfort and technology," K.N. Radhakrishnan, director and CEO, told reporters at the unveiling.

"The company has invested more than ₹100 crore for developing this product," he added.

"We are creating a new category. During this fiscal, we hope to sell about 100,000 units. TVS Ronin

will be exported to Asia, Middle East, LATAM and ASEAN countries," he said.

"The launch of TVS Ronin is a significant milestone for us," Sudarshan Venu, MD, said in a statement.

Mr. Radhakrishnan said the bike had an indigenisation level of 98%.

(The writer was in Goa at the invitation of TVS Motor Company)

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Marketing Department — e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for supply of **"26,000 Tins agmark (each tin 15 kgs net) of Refined Sun Flower Oil through e-tenders"** for a period of 04 months to the Marketing Deprtment, T.T.Devasthanams. For Tender Notice and tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org** and **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact Phone Numbers:**0877-2264079, 2264555**, Fax No.**0877-2264554.**

Roc.No.PR4/13944/Adv.No.118/PRO/2022, Dated:05-07-2022 — **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Limited, Jaipur
D-Block, Swasthya Bhawan, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005
Ph. No: 0141-2223887, Fax No. 0141-2228065, E-mail: edeprmms-rj@nic.in

No. F-8(i)RMSC/EPM/M-4/NIB-684/2022-23/741 — Date: 1.7.22

Notice Inviting Bids

Bid for item Pulse Oxymeter (Finger Tip), are invited from interested biddrs up to Date: 01.07.2022; 06:00 P.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on Procurement portal website **"https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in"** or **"www.dipronline.org"** or **"https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in"** or website **"http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in"**

UBN:-MSC2223GLRC00035 — **Executive Director (EPM)**
Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Jaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/4459/2022-23

Petronet LNG Limited

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
FOR SELECTION OF CONTRACTOR FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AT PETRONET LNG LIMITED, DAHEJ

Interested parties are requested to visit our website **www.petronetlng.in** for detailed eligibility criteria along with other necessary details for issuance of Tender document.

Note: PLL reserves the right not to issue the tender document and/or accept or reject any or all the bids at any stage of the process and/or modify the process without assigning any reasons on its sole discretion. No separate notification shall be issued in press. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.

Deputy Manager (C&P)
PETRONET LNG LIMITED
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KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - TENDER NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub:- Expression of Interest (EOI) for appointment of Actuary for valuation of terminal liabilities of Kerala State Electricity Board Limited - Regarding

Kerala State Electricity Board Limited invites EOI from the registered certified actuaries for undertaking valuation assessment of pension, commutation of pension, gratuity and leave encashment liability of its employees (both for existing and retired employees) on quarterly and yearly basis for a period of three financial years viz. Financial year 2022-23 to 2024-25, in accordance with the IndAS-19. EOI documents containing the scope of work, instruction to bidders, selection criteria, Bid Format etc. can be downloaded from **www.kseb.in**

Eligible parties may send their offers in sealed envelope in the prescribed format along with supporting documents so as to reach the O/o the Financial Adviser, Kerala State Electricity Board Limited, 5th Floor, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom Palace P.O., Thiruvananthapuram 695004, latest by 5.00 P.M. on 16.07.2022

Ref : PR/MC1/F251/2022

Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Chennai Construction and Maintenance Circle

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 17/2022-2023/HDO/Dated :05.07.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Schedule tender through online only** will be received upto **27.07.2022** at 11.30 AM by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for works under Permanent Flood Mitigation work (1 work) pertaining to Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from **11.07.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Chennai Circle.

DIPR/3268/Tender/2022

"தமிழ்நாடு உடற்குறை மிடற்றோரை, எழுவர் புரிந்திடும் பணிபோலே".

AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AURANGABAD

E-Tender Notice 2022 - 2023
Recall Notice (II Call)

E-Tender in B-1 form for the following work invited by the Municipal Administrator, Municipal Corporation, Aurangabad (M.S.)

Name of Work : Construction of Cement Concrete Roads at Various Places in Aurangabad City Package - B.

Tender Value : Rs. 42,52,36,586.00

Please Visit https://mahatenders.gov.in for detailed information from Date : 05-07-2022.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer - Roads
Municipal Corporation Aurangabad.

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e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

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Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T452/2022	Medical Gas Pipe Line for GMC Konni, Modular Laboratory furniture for GMC Konni	14.07.2022 11.00a.m.	27.07.2022 05.00p.m.
2.	T453/2022	Laboratory Equipments required for GMC Konni, Microscope–Various Types, VDRL Rotator, Distilled water Plant–Various Types, Bicarbonate Mixer	15.07.2022 11.00a.m.	29.07.2022 05.00p.m.
3.	T454/2022	Spectrophotometer, Densitometer with computer, PCR Machine, Fume Hood, Automated Rotary Microtome, Fully Manual Rotary Macrotome, Multichannel Pipettes, Refrigerated Blood Transport Box- Various Types, RH View Box, Refrigerator – Various Types, Water Bath- Various Types, Weighing Balance –Various Types.	18.07.2022 11.00a.m.	05.08.2022 05.00p.m.
4.	T455/2022	RO water 100 LPH for autoclaves, Stretcher trolley higher end with CPR Facility, Polygraph, Multichannel Physiograph - 3 channels, OT Light Shadowless Mobile single dome, OT Light Shadowless ceiling mount single dome, Labour Cot, Fetal Doppler, Deep Freezer -20 degree, Ice Lined Refrigerator, Haemoglobinometer.	19.07.2022 11.00a.m.	05.08.2022 05.00p.m.
5.	T456/2022	Various Glass ware and chemicals for GMC Konni, Various furniture for Academic and Hospital Block of GMC Konni, Multilevel Racking System with Material Lift, Multiflex Shelving (Light Duty Shelving, Medicine Rack, Modular Office Work Station, Material Trolley	20.07.2022 05.00p.m.	10.08.2022 05.00p.m.
6.	T457/2022	Functional Trainer Cum Multi Gym	N.A.	19.07.2022 05.00p.m.
7.	T458(R)/2022	Dialysis Consumables, Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System with Installation device, Neonatal Resuscitation Unit, Cervical and Lumbar Traction, Micro Slides, Portable Echo Machine - Pediatric and Neonatal, Embedding Station, Multi Stainer Work Station, Comprehensive Sleep Study 16 Channel, Hand Held Pulse Oximeter, High End Head Light with Rechargeable Battery, Urea Breath Analyzer	N.A.	19.07.2022 05.00p.m.

QUOTATION

Sealed Quotations are invited for the supply of the following items

8.	Q104/2021	Washing machine with Dryer, Water Heater	N.A.	19.07.2022 05.00p.m.

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The Indians lacked self-belief and failed to sustain the intensity

Both the batting and famed bowling have faltered in the decisive second innings in the last three away Tests; Dravid has enough issues on his plate

INDIA IN ENG

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

A marauding England rocketing to a demanding target of 378 at Edgbaston sent all the wrong signals from an Indian perspective.

At the start of the final day, the host still needed 119 runs. Couple of early wickets and the England batting could have imploded.

Innocuous bowling

But the Indian bowling was so innocuous and the players' body language so flat that it was clear the side lacked the belief, the key attribute in any professional sport.

Test cricket is all about maintaining intensity over five days. Here physical attributes intertwine with mental strength.

India's last three Tests on foreign soil have seen the side taking its foot off the gas, unable to retain its intensity levels.

India has failed in the big decisive moments. Both the batting and famed bowling have faltered in the decisive second innings.

India was full of beans entering the second Test at Wanderers early this year after winning the first to raise

INDIA-ENGLAND TEST SERIES IN NUMBERS

BATTING	M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	100s/50s
Root	5	9	737	180*	105.28	4/1
Bairstow	5	9	404	114*	50.50	2/1
Rohit	4	8	368	127	52.57	1/2
Pant	5	9	349	146	38.77	1/2
Rahul	4	8	315	129	39.37	1/1

BOWLING	M	Inns	Wkts	BBI	SR	5WI
Bumrah	5	9	23	5/64	48.7	1
Robinson	4	8	21	5/65	47.5	2
Anderson	5	10	21	5/60	58.3	2
Siraj	5	9	18	4/32	51.1	0
Shami	4	7	13	4/95	61.7	0

visions of a first ever Test-series triumph in South Africa.

In a contest of swinging fortunes, South Africa was given a target of 240 on a treacherous wicket with nasty bounce.

However, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami disappointed. Skipper Dean Elgar, taking blows on his body, was unbeaten on a blood and guts 96 and the Proteas were home by seven wickets.

The seamers needed to bowl around the good length area and attempt to seam the ball rather than trying to swing it and over-pitching in the process. And India seemed to be holding all the aces when a rejuvenated Rishabh Pant and Virat Kohli had added more that 90 for the fifth wicket in the Indian second innings in the decider at Cape Town.

India had the opportunity to take the game away from South Africa. Then Kolhi chased a delivery on the seven stump from Lungi Ngidi, was held in the cordon, and India collapsed. Pant remained unbeaten on 100 but India ended up with just 198.

A target of 212 was still defendable on a tricky pitch of seam movement and bounce, but the Indians failed to cling on to sharp chances and the pacemen, as at Edgbaston, bowled on both sides.

Dispirited attack

At Edgbaston, the Indian attack was dispirited, without control or consistency.

Shardul Thakur's pace and effectiveness have dropped, Ravindra Jadeja bowled a defensive over-the-wicket line and Mohammed Siraj has forgotten how to bowl with an upright seam.

No extra bite

Bumrah and Shami do not seem to be having the extra bite in their bowling that made them so dangerous. With the England batters possessing high back-lift why didn't we see more yorkers?

In the days ahead, coach Rahul Dravid has enough issues to think about while dealing with a Test squad that has struggled earlier in South Africa and now in England.

Dhawan to lead India in WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Shikhar Dhawan was on Wednesday named India captain for the three ODIs against the West Indies in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, while Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant were among those who have been rested for the series beginning on July 22 in Port of Spain. Ravindra Jadeja has been named Dhawan's deputy.

Two other senior players, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammad Shami have also been rested.

Hardik Pandya, who recently made his India comeback following a successful IPL, is also not a part of the side.

The ODI squad: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Ravindra Jadeja (Vice-capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Avesh Khan, Prasidh Krishna, Mohd. Siraj, and Arshdeep Singh.

The schedule: July 22, 24 and 27, all at Port of Spain, 7 p.m. IST start.

India's quest for best XI for T20 World Cup continues

Rohit back at the helm as the visitors take on England in the first of the three-match series today

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SOUTHAMPTON

Experimentation will go out of the window as India will get down to finalising their best eleven for the World Cup during the three-match T20 series against an ultra-aggressive England, beginning here on Thursday.

Skipper Rohit Sharma, who missed the fifth Test in Birmingham after contracting COVID-19, will be travelling to the port city on Wednesday and is expected to feature in the series-opener. Test players including Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja, Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant will join the T20 squad from the second game onwards.

Another chance

Their absence would give fringe players like Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson one more game to make a statement though they seem to have fallen in the pecking order in India's list of probables for the World Cup in Australia.

With Kohli expected to be back at No. 3 from game two, Deepak Hooda will be aiming for another match-winning effort to keep himself in the mix.

In the bowling department, pacer Umran Malik will be brimming with confidence after defending 17 runs in the last over of a high-scoring second T20 against Ireland. However, he remains a work in progress and needs to improve on his accuracy. Yuzvendra Chahal is expected to replace Ravi Bishnoi in the eleven.

For England, the series marks the beginning of the Jos Buttler era following the retirement of Eoin Morgan.

Ben Stokes and star of the fifth Test against India, Jonny Bairstow, have been rested from the series.

The teams (from): India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaekwad, Sanju Samson, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Hardik Pandya, Venkatesh Iyer, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, Arshdeep Singh and Umran Malik.

England: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Richard Gleeson, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, David Malan, Tymal Mills, Matthew Parkinson, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Reece Topley and David Willey.

Match starts at 10.30 p.m.

India-England in T20Is

Overall	Matches 19	India 10	England 9
In England	Matches 6	India 2	England 4

2009: England won by three runs, Lord's
2011: England won by six wickets, Manchester
2014: England won by three runs, Birmingham
2018: India won by eight wickets, Manchester
2018: England won by five wickets, Cardiff
2018: India won by seven wickets, Bristol

TOP PERFORMERS* | FOR INDIA

Most runs	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Kohli#	5	180	66	133.33	0/1
Rohit	5	147	100 n.o.	138.67	1/0

#Kohli is in the squad for the second and third T20Is

Most wickets	Inns	Wkts	BBI	Econ	4W
Hardik	3	6	4/38	8.25	1

FOR ENGLAND

Most runs	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	100s/50s
Buttler	4	127	69	135.10	0/1
Roy	4	120	67	164.38	0/1

Most wickets	Inns	Wkts	BBI	Econ	4W
Willey	3	3	1/18	7.72	0

*Players from the current squads and their performances in India-England T20Is in England

THE SCHEDULE | July 7: Southampton, 10.30 p.m. | July 9: Birmingham, 7 p.m. | July 10: Nottingham, 7 p.m.

ALL TIMES IST | SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

'Time will tell if Test loss will impact T20Is'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SOUTHAMPTON

India is defeated and deflated now. But skipper Rohit Sharma on Wednesday said only "time will tell" how the crushing loss at Edgbaston impacts the side in the long run.

India let slip a golden opportunity to record its first series win in England since 2007 as the hosts, in an incredible turnaround, recorded their highest-ever run chase in Test cricket.

Disappointing

"It's obviously disappointing to not come out as victors. The Test series was for India to win. That said, time will tell whether that loss will have any impact in the T20I and ODI series against England," Rohit said on the eve of the first T20I here.

"That was a different format and this will be a different one," Rohit, who missed the rescheduled Test after contracting the viral infection, added.

India looks to sweep series

Key batters: Smriti and Shafali, after a relatively poor start to the campaign, have come into form. •PTI

INDIA IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PALLEKELE

A confident India will look to complete the formalities and assert its supremacy by completing a whitewash of Sri Lanka in the third and final women's ODI here on Thursday. India won the opening two games to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The visitors had bagged the preceding T20I series 2-1.

Chasing similar targets, India looked much more confident in the second ODI as it galloped to 10-wicket win on Monday.

India controlled all aspects of the game. It was the kind of dominant display expected out of Harmanpreet Kaur and her troops. Star openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma finally joined the party with unbeaten half centuries.

The duo, that had struggled to build a decent partnership and provide electrifying starts in the first ODI and the T20 series, would be keen for an encore in the final game.

New full-time skipper Harmanpreet has been In-

> **I felt if it was a good ball, I would rather go for a single. I wanted to play long innings**
> SHAFALI

dia's most consistent player this series. While India's spinners ruled the roost on the slow tracks in the T20s, the ODI series has belonged to pacer Renuka Singh, who has picked up seven wickets including a career best 4/28.

A 3-0 win will also boost the visitors' confidence ahead of the Birmingham-Commonwealth Games.

The squads: India: Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Yastika Bhatia, S Meghana, Deepti Sharma, Poonam Yadav, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Simran Bahadur, Richa Ghosh, Pooja Vastrakar, Meghna Singh, Renuka Singh, Taniya Bhatia, Harleen Deol.

Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu, Nilakshi de Silva, Kavisha Dilhari, Vishmi Gunaratne, Ama Kanchana, Hansima Karunaratne, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandika Kumari, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Hasini Perera, Udeshika Prabodhani, Oshadi Ranasinghe Inoka Ranaweera, Sathya Sandeepani, Anushka Sanjeewani, Malsha Shehani,Tharika Sewwandi.

Match starts 10 a.m. IST.

Kohli slips out of top-10

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DUBAI

India's star wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant blazed his way into a career-best fifth spot in the latest ICC Test rankings on Wednesday, even as Virat Kohli dropped out of top-10 for the first time in six years.

Pant's meteoric rise in the rankings comes after his heroics in the COVID-delayed fifth Test between India and England in which he scored 146 and 57 across two innings. Pant has scored two tons and three half centuries in his last six Test innings.

However, Kohli dropped four places to 13th in the batting rankings. It is for the first time in six years that Kohli has found himself out of top 10 in the Test rankings.

Rohit Sharma, who missed the Edgbaston Test after testing COVID-19 positive, dropped one place.

England batter Joe Root consolidated his position at the top with 923 points, with Australians Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith taking second and third spots respectively.

Kohli. •GETTY IMAGES

Resilient Nadal defies odds, scripts an epic win over Fritz

Spaniard takes a medical time-out in the second set after losing the first, prevails in fifth set tiebreaker

REUTERS
LONDON

A hurting Rafa Nadal exhibited heroic mental strength to edge out American 11th seed Taylor Fritz in a final set tiebreaker in a captivating Wimbledon quarterfinal on Wednesday and kept alive his quest for a calendar year Grand Slam.

Struggling with an abdominal injury, Nadal appeared close to retiring mid-match on Centre Court but found the will to beat the 24-year-old Fritz 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (10-4) in four hours and 20 minutes to set up a semifinal showdown with Australian maverick Nick Kyrgios.

Fritz, who beat Nadal in the final at Indian Wells to put an end to the Spaniard's 20-match winning run at the start of the 2022 season, overturned an early deficit to race through the opening set, winning five straight games from 1-3, 0-30 down.

The 36-year-old Nadal, who won the Australian and French Open titles back-to-back this year for the first time in his career, left the court for a medical time-out for an abdominal issue with his father fervently urging him from the player's box to put an end to his misery.

But the two-time former Wimbledon champion paid no heed and returned to the packed showcourt amid huge applause. He then broke Fritz in the 12th game to level the match at one set apiece.

Still struggling while serving, Nadal was broken two times as the American won the third set comfortably. Not ready to throw in the towel yet, the Spaniard traded two breaks before breaking the American's serve a third time to take the contest to the decider.

With the crowd firmly behind him, Nadal converted his fourth breakpoint in the seventh game to take the lead and stared back at his player's box. But Fritz once again broke back to force a 10-point tiebreaker.

The 22-time Major winner surged 5-0 ahead in the tiebreaker, then won a 25-shot rally amid raucous applause. Nadal converted his second match point with a stinging forehand winner to secure a memorable victory.

Kyrgios advanced to the semifinals of a Grand Slam for the first time, beating Cristian Garin 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5). The unseeded 27-year-old lost the opening nine points on Court One but ultimately had too much firepower for Garin who had hoped to become Chile's first Wimbledon semifinalist.

Remarkable Rafa: Nadal's never-say-die spirit came to the fore again as he overcame Fritz in a marathon. •REUTERS

Sania-Pavic level 1-1 with Skupski-Krawczyk

- Sania and her Croatian partner Pavic, the sixth seeds, won the first set 6-4 before losing the second 5-7 to the second-seeded Skupski (GBr) and Krawczyk (USA) in the mixed doubles semifinal

In surpassing his previous best Wimbledon run to the quarterfinals eight years ago, Kyrgios became the first Australian man to reach a Grand Slam semifinal in 17 years.

It was a generally low-volume Kyrgios, who has been summoned to appear in a Canberra court next month on an alleged assault charge, although he did lambast his sizeable entourage as the match dragged on.

There were few baseline fireworks from the Australian but his serve once again underpinned his game, digging him out of trouble whenever Garin threatened to make a match of it.

Garin battled hard to extend the third set into a tiebreaker and looked set to drag the match into a fourth when he led 5-3, but Kyrgios hit back to take the set to a tie-breaker where he won.

In the women's quarterfinal, Simona Halep handed out a tennis lesson to Amanda Anisimova during the 6-4, 6-2 win on Centre Court.

When the Romanian broke for the fourth time to take 6-2, 4-1 lead, a tormented Anisimova expressed her disgust by rejecting one racquet after another into her red bag.

That she ended up keeping Halep engaged on Centre Court past the hour-mark was an accomplishment in itself. Staring at defeat at 1-5 down, the American managed to win three games on the trot for the first time in the contest, including breaking the 2019 champion when she served for the match in the eighth game.

Two games later, Anisimova was 40-0 on Halep's serve when the Romanian made a second attempt to serve out the match. But a few hard-hitting slaps to her thigh got the 30-year-old going again and Halep secured the win when Anisimova swiped a backhand long.

"It's great to be back in the semifinals. I'm very emotional right now... it means a lot," a beaming Halep told the crowd after setting up a last-four showdown with 17th seed Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.

Rybakina recovered from a shaky start to outlast Australian Ajla Tomljanovic 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, becoming the first Kazakh to reach the last four of a Grand Slam. The first set was close but swung on the third game when, after five deuces, Tomljanovic broke. She then served strongly to take the set 6-4.

Rybakina, 23, broke early in the second and went on to win the set. In the decider, she took a 3-0 lead and broke again to make it 5-1. Though the Australian won two successive games, the Kazakh served out the match, fittingly finishing the contest with an ace.

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Women: 16-Halep (Rou) bt 20-Anisimova (USA) 6-2, 6-4; 17-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Tomljanovic (Aus) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Men: Kyrgios (Aus) bt Garin (Chi) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6(5); 2-Nadal (Esp) bt 11-Fritz (USA) 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6(4).

LIVE TELECAST

Badminton: Malaysia Open, Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka Women vs India Women: 3rd ODI, FanCode & DD Sports, 10 a.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 p.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7 p.m.
England vs India: 1st T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10.30 p.m.
West Indies vs Bangladesh: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 11 p.m.
Hockey Women's WC: India vs New Zealand, Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 11 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Harish nets seven in DYES-A's big win

BENGALURU

Harish Mutgar scored seven goals as DYES-A thrashed Postal 13-1 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship, here on Wednesday.

The results: DYES-A 13 (Harish Mutgar 8, 18, 30, 39, 43, 45, 57, Manikanta 12, Majji Ganesh 37, 41, 60, Aryan Uthappa 52, Pranam Gowda 55) bt Postal 1 (S. Harsha 59); MEG & Centre 8 (Deepak 5, Mani 24, 40, 45, A.A. Appanna 26, K.R. Dishanth 39, C.A. Subbaiah 50, 53) bt SAI 3 (D.R. Pavan 34, Nakul Malad 37, Dhanush Kaveriappa 55).

Vismaya, Yashasvi excel for Young Star FC

BENGALURU

M. Vismaya scored four goals and V. Yashasvi three as Young Star FC blanked GRK Girls 10-0 in the KSFA Women's B-division league, here on Wednesday.

The results: Young Star FC 10 (V. Yashasvi 2, 15, 24, Michellei Dividson 6, M. Vismaya 8, 16, 17, 20, Divya Mageswaran 11, Avula Suvarna 12) bt GRK Girls 0; Legends De Sporting 1 (D. Swetha 3) bt Technico Football Foundation 0.

Odisha FC signs Meitei

BHUBANESWAR

Indian Super League (ISL) side Odisha FC on Wednesday signed left-back Denechandra Meitei on a year-long loan from Kerala Blasters. PTI

India eyes win for a place in quarters

Needs to tick all the boxes in the final Pool B match against New Zealand

WORLD CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AMSTELVEEN

A lacklustre Indian women's hockey team needs to tick all boxes against New Zealand in its final Pool B match to seal a direct quarterfinal place in the FIH World Cup, here on Thursday.

The Indians, who achieved a historic fourth place finish in last year's Olympics, drew 1-1 against Tokyo bronze medallist England and China in their first two pool matches.

The Savita-led side is currently placed third in Pool B with two points below China and leaders New Zealand, who defeated England 3-1 on Tuesday.

According to the tournament format, the 16 teams are divided in four pools of four teams each. The top four sides from each pool will directly qualify for the quarterfinals, while the second and third placed teams will feature in the crossovers.

Time to buck up: India's defence was impressive, but the frontline was found wanting against England as well as China. • FIH

The winner of the crossover matches will take the remaining four quarterfinal spots. So, India would look for an outright win against New Zealand and hope for a Chinese draw or a loss against England to top Pool B.

But going by the way they played in the first two matches, it would be easier said than done.

While the Indian defence has impressed in both the matches, denying England a single penalty corner in the first game, it is the performance of the forward-line and midfield which was found wanting.

Sole exception

Barring Vandana Katariya, who scored India's two goals, no other striker could live up to expectations so far with the likes of Lalremsiami, Sharmila Devi and Navneet Kaur cutting a sorry figure.

In terms of rankings, there is hardly anything to separate the two sides as New Zealand is placed eighth while India is a rung below.

The Black Sticks women, however, would be brimming with confidence after the win over England.

Sindhu and Prannoy move up; Saina ousted

MALAYSIA MASTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu had to toil before emerging victorious in the opening round of the Malaysia Masters here on Wednesday.

The seventh-seeded Sindhu took close to an hour to knock out China's He Bing Jiao 21-13, 17-21, 21-15 and move to the second round.

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal squandered a one-game lead to go down 21-16, 17-21, 14-21 to Kim Ga Eun of South Korea.

In the men's singles, H.S. Prannoy sailed into the second round with a comfortable 21-19, 21-14 victory over Frenchman Brice Leverdez.

B. Sai Praneeth and P. Kashyap also moved to the second round, but with contrasting wins.

While Praneeth hardly broke a sweat against Kevin Cordon, registering an easy 21-8, 21-9 win, Kashyap came back from a one-game deficit to beat local favourite Tommy Sugiarto 16-21, 21-16, 21-16. However, it was the end of the road for Sameer Verma, who went down fighting to fourth seed Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen 21-10, 12-21, 14-21.

The results:

Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Brice Leverdez 21-19, 21-14; B. Sai Praneeth bt Kevin Cordon 21-8, 21-9; P. Kashyap bt Tommy Sugiarto 16-21, 21-16, 21-16; Sameer Verma lost to Chou Tien Chen 21-10, 12-21, 14-21.

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt He Bing Jiao 21-13, 17-21, 21-15; Saina Nehwal lost to Kim Ga Eun 21-16, 17-21, 14-21.

Doubles: N. Sikki Reddy & Ashwini Ponnappa lost to Fabriana Kusuma & Amalia Pratiwi 19-21, 21-18, 16-21.

Shoe issue bars Rojas from Worlds long jump

ATHLETICS

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MONACO

Olympic triple jump champion Yulimar Rojas cannot compete in long jump at the World Championships in Oregon this month because her qualifying leap was done in unapproved shoes.

World Athletics said on Wednesday that a jump by Rojas in Spain in June – which was long enough to qualify for the Worlds – "was not a valid result as she was wearing triple jump shoes which are not approved for long jump".

The soles of long jump shoes are allowed a maximum thickness of 20mm, while the limit for triple jump is 25mm.

Rojas. • FILE PHOTO

Rojas's long jump in Spain measured 6.93m – a distance that would have taken silver at the 2019 Worlds. She was then prevented by injury from competing again to get a valid qualifying mark, the governing body said in a statement.

Tejaswin included in the Commonwealth Games squad

High jumper replaces Arokia Rajiv who has been 'disqualified'

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

The Athletics Federation of India has included Tejaswin Shankar for the Commonwealth Games, replacing Arokia Rajiv in the 36-member squad, but the high jumper is more relieved than elated.

The AFI made the statement in the Delhi High Court on Wednesday, informing Justice Yashwant Varma that the change had been following Rajiv's disqualification and was directed by the court to forward the name to the Indian Olympic Association, also a party in the case filed by Tejaswin last month challenging his exclusion from the squad despite achieving the qualifying mark set by the AFI.

The National record holder, currently in Kansas, said it was a fight only to seek what he deserved as per the AFI rules and he would have been happier if others too had benefited.

"I am happy at the decision but I would have been happier if others who had made the cut were also included. After all, if there is a qualifying mark set, then anyone who meets it should get a chance," Tejaswin told *The Hindu*.

Upto the CWG committee

Interestingly, Rajiv had been initially named as a reserve subject to Amoj Jacob's fitness. His disqualification, presumably on form after trials in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, doesn't change the original relay side. Also, with the last date of submission being June 29, the AFI has said it was up to the CWG committee to decide. However, given that it is only a change of entry without increasing the squad size, it shouldn't be difficult.

The AFI, in a statement, confirmed the decision. "We have requested the Indian Olympic Association to replace Arokia Rajiv, who withdrew from the National inter-State athletics championships due to illness, with Tejaswin Shankar," AFI president Adille J. Sumariwalla said.

"We continue to request IOA to increase the quota for athletics so that others who have met the qualifying standards can also compete in CWG."

Good tidings: Tejaswin is more relieved than elated at the decision. • FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

Clarke wins stage five

van Aert retains yellow jersey

TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS
WALLERS

Australian Simon Clarke won the fifth stage of the Tour de France, a 157-km ride from Lille, as Belgian Wouth van Aert retained the overall lead on Wednesday.

Gaining time

Clarke prevailed in a lung-busting sprint finish from the day's breakaway after a day featuring more than 19km of cobbled sectors while two-time defending champion Tadej Pogacar gained time over all his rivals.

Taco van der Hoorn of the Netherlands took second place ahead of Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen. Primoz Roglic, one of the pre-race favourites, lost more than two minutes on fellow Slovenian Pogacar.

Simon Clarke. • AFP

Reinforced Sri Lanka seeks to level series

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Dimuth Karunaratne's Sri Lanka is looking to level the Test series with spin reinforcements for the second match starting on Friday against an upbeat Australia.

Spinners Maheesh Theekshana, Dinuth Wellalage and Prabath Jayasuriya have been added to the Sri Lankan squad along with all-rounder Lakshita Manasinghe who bowls off-spin.

Leading bowler

Theekshana, a mystery spinner, claimed four wickets and kept down the runs in the ODIs while 19-year-old Wellalage remained the leading bowler with nine wickets from his left-arm spin.

Both players are looking for their first Test cap in the absence of Praveen Jayawickrama, who had been expected to play the second match but tested COVID-19 positive.

Mathews has rejoined the Sri Lankan team after he tested COVID-19 positive on the third morning of the first Test.

Courage

Steve Smith lauded the courage shown by the touring batsmen and said each one brought something different to the table. "It's good we all play a little bit differently," Smith said.

Prarthana in doubles quarterfinals

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SPORTS BUREAU

Prarthana Thombare and Emily Appleton of Britain beat Vivien Sandberg & Annickk Verhaar 6-1, 6-3 in the $100,000 ITF women's tennis doubles pre-quarterfinals Versmold, Germany, on Wednesday.

Other results: €134,920 Challenger, Braunschweig, Germany: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Philip Florig & Liam Gavrielides (Ger) bt Artem Sitak (Nzl) & Sumit Nagal 5-7, 7-5, [10-6].

€45,730 Challenger, Porto, Portugal: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Purav Raja & Divij Sharan bt Fabio Coelho & Goncalo Falcao (Por) 6-2, 7-6(7); Marek Gengel (Cze) & Patrik Niklas-Salminen (Fin) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 7-6(3), 5-7, [10-8].

$25,000 ITF men, Marburg, Germany: First round: Sidane Pontjodikromo (Ned) bt Rishab Agrawal 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(3). **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Constantin Frantzen & Tim Sandkaulen (Ger) bt Vasilios Caripi (RSA) & Rishab Agarwal 6-1, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Men: First round: Niccolo Catini (Ita) bt Karan Singh 6-2, 6-4. **(pre-quarterfinals):** Anis Ghorbel & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Aron Paul Samson & Amaan Siddiqui 6-0, 6-2; Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta & Manish Sureshkumar bt Chukang Wang & Ze Zhang (Chn) 7-6(3), 4-6, [10-8]; Guy Orly Iradikunda (Bdi) & Karan Ssingh bt Niccolo Catini & Matteo Meneghetti (Ita) 6-3, 6-2; Keisuke Saitoh & Daiki Yoshimura (Jpn) bt Boriss Butulija (Srb) & Niki Poonacha 7-6(4), 6-3. **Women: First round:** Bhuvana Kalva bt Emma Tothova (Svk) 6-4, 6-3; Miriana Tona (Ita) bt Jennifer Luikham 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF men, Waco, USA: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Cleeve Harper (Can) & Johannus Monday (GBR) bt Tom Dynka (Can) & Babji Siva Atturu 6-1, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Fountain Valley, USA: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Kellly Keller & Anne Obregon (US) bt Anne-Sophie Morandais (Glp) & Prathyusha Rachapudi 6-2, 6-2.

Sathiyan and Harmeet lodge a complaint about missing baggage

TABLE TENNIS

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

India's top table tennis players G. Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai reached Portugal for the Commonwealth Games preparatory camp by an Air France flight. While they arrived safely, their baggage hasn't come and the paddlers have lodged a complaint. But even after three days there has been no proper response from the flight authorities.

"We reached Porto on July 3. We waited for two hours in Porto to lodge a complaint. Till now, there are no updates.

"Luckily, my sponsor Butterfly sent me the rubbers and other apparels after I requested them. Being a priority member of Air France, this has not happened to me before," Sathiyan told *The Hindu* from Porto on Wednesday.

Harmeet said it's been more difficult for him than Sathiyan. "I am suffering more than him (Sathiyan).

"I had two rubbers stuck on my racquets which were in my hand baggage. But the new rubbers and apparels are in the main baggage. I've asked my sponsor (Joola) to send me the rubbers," he said.

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